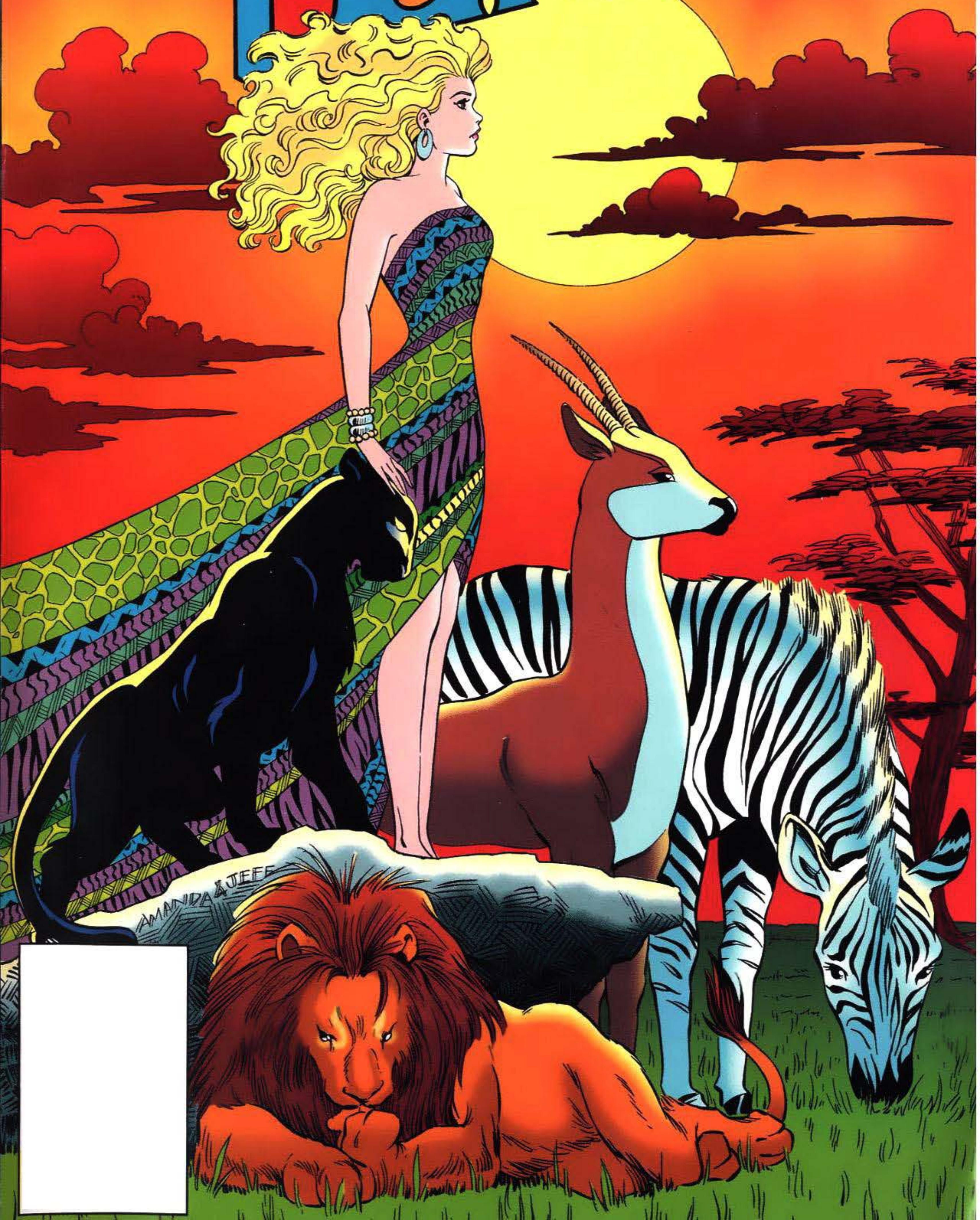


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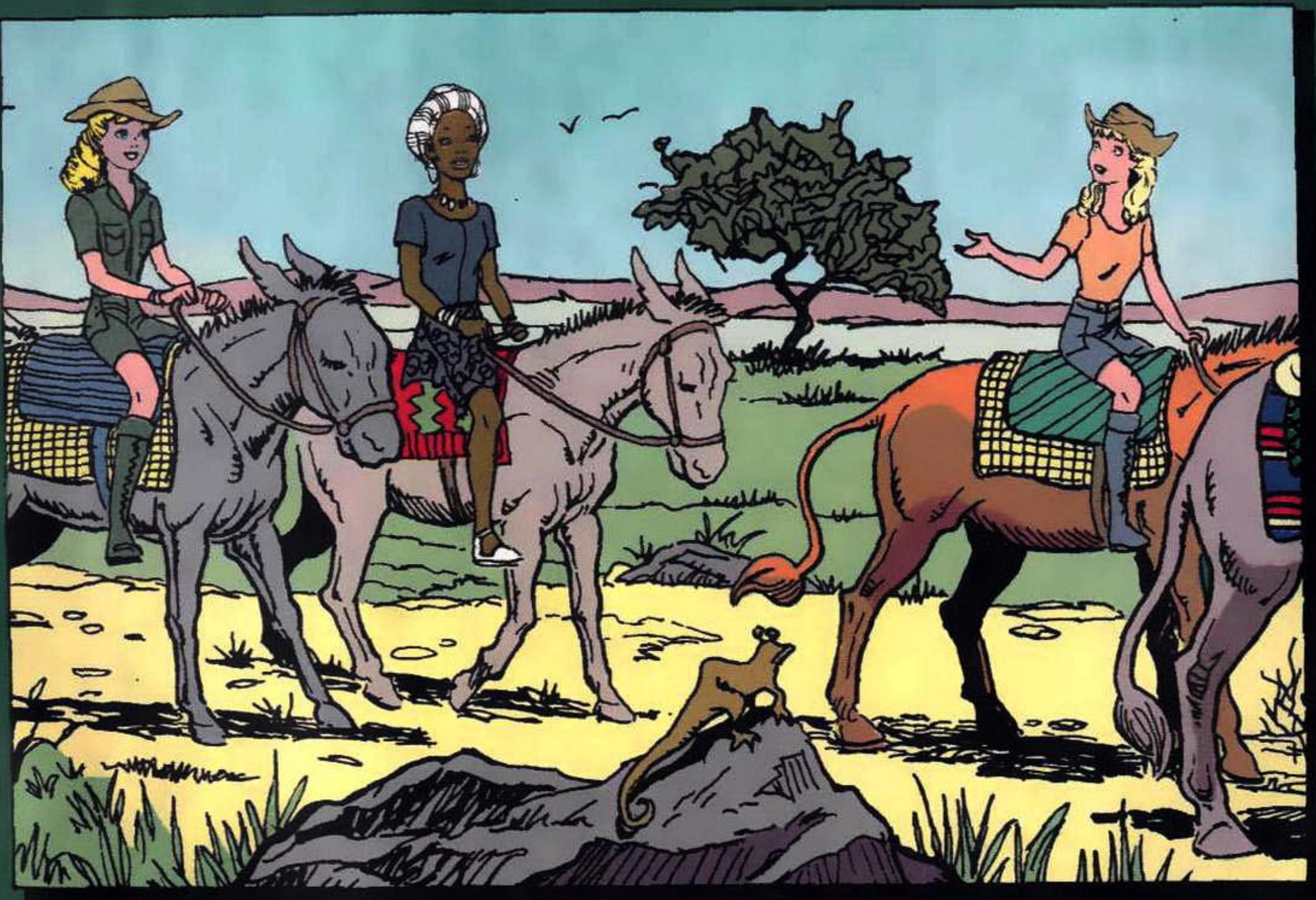
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I'M SO GLAD YOU WERE ABLE TO COME WITH ME, SKIPPER!

I'M GOING TO WRITE ABOUT EVERYTHING I SEE AND DO FOR MY BACK-TO-SCHOOL ESSAY.\*

ATTENTION, PLEASE! THIS IS YOUR CAPTAIN... WE'LL BE LANDING IN NIAMEY\* IN JUST A FEW MINUTES!

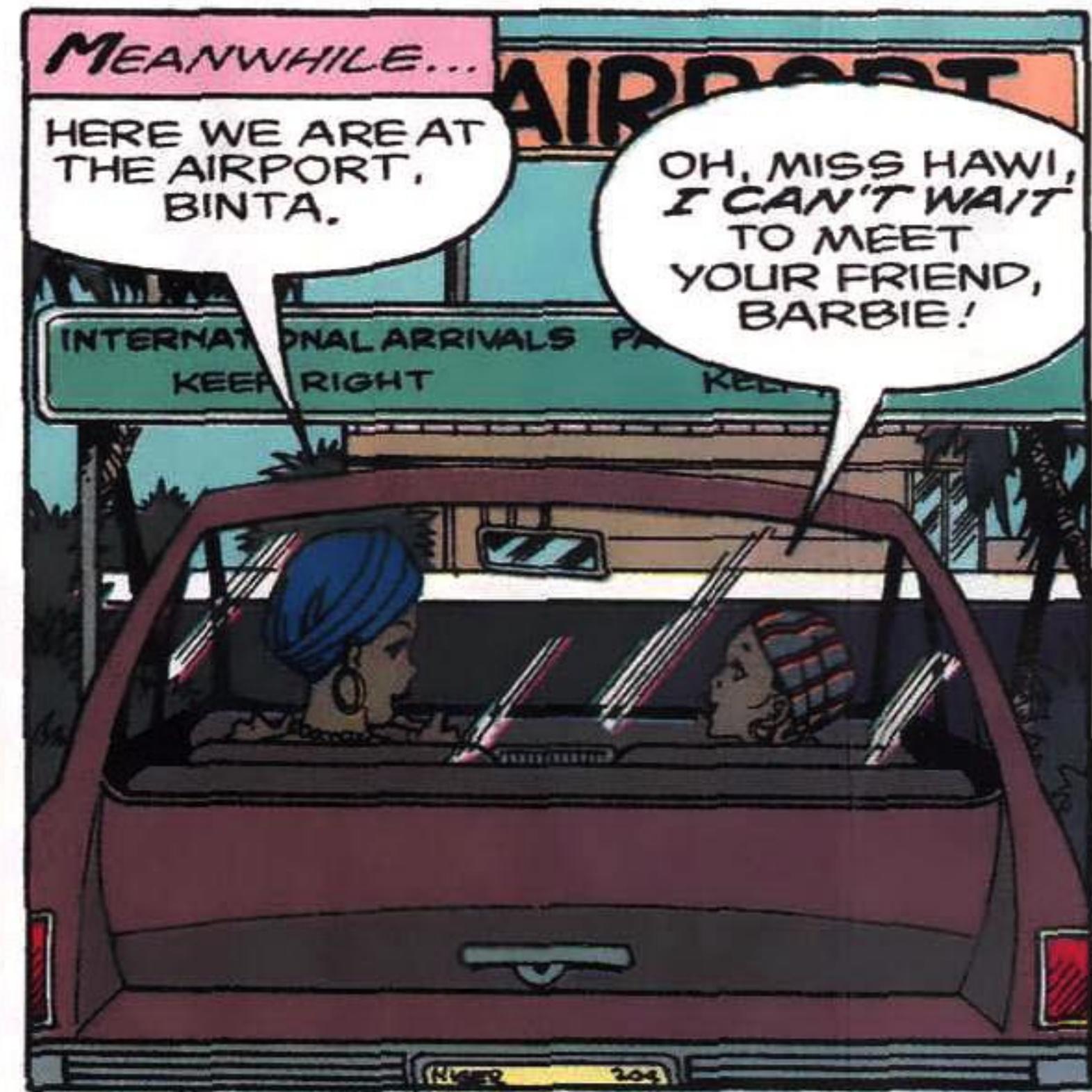
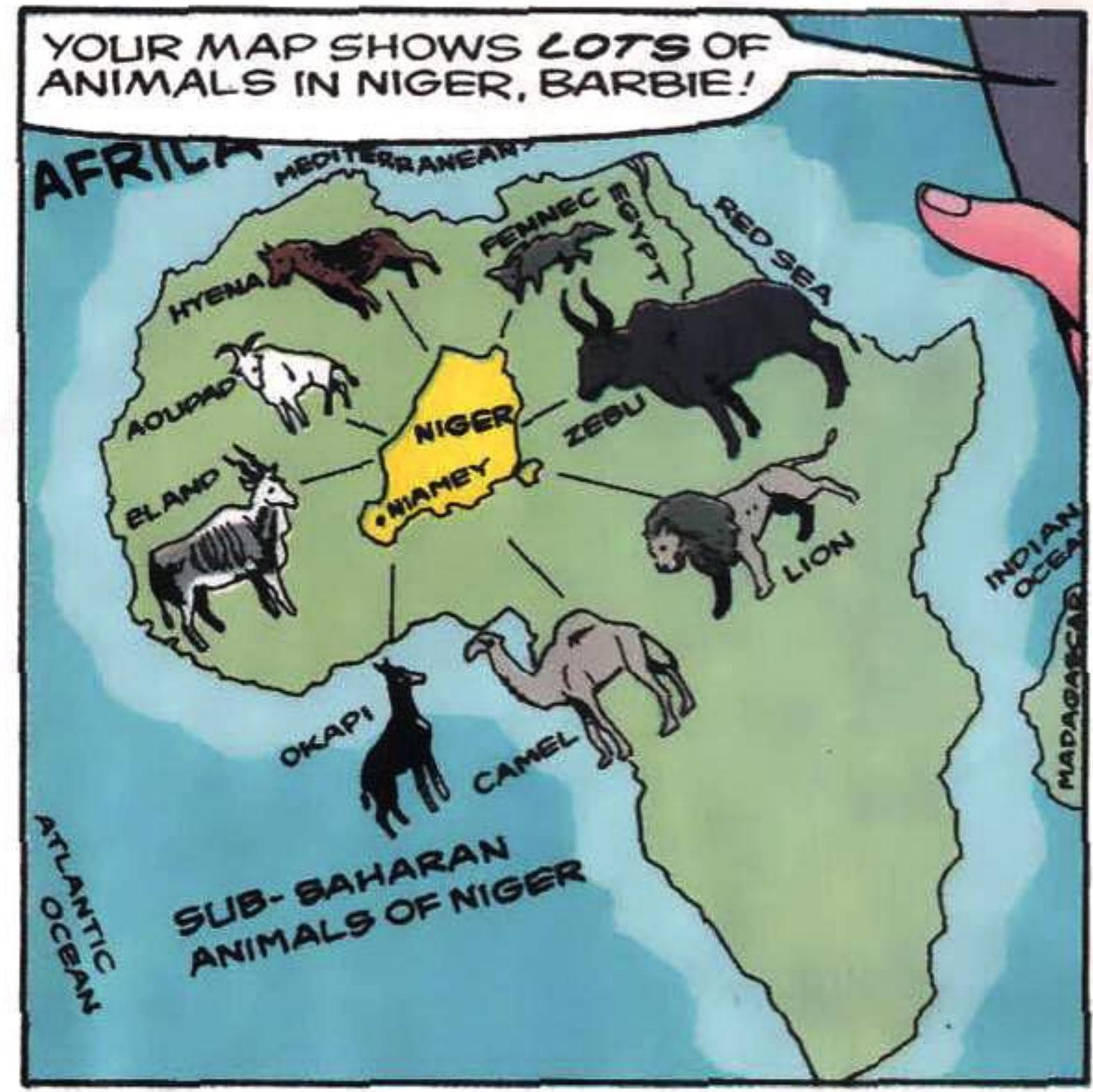
LOOK, BARBIE. WE'RE SO CLOSE, WE CAN SEE EVERYTHING!

BUT SOMETHING IS MISSING....!?

# Barbie IN AFRICAN ADVENTURE

part 1: CITY LIVING

\*NIAMEY IS THE CAPITAL OF NIGER. PRONOUNCED NAY-JEAR (ACCENT ON "JEAR").--Hildy



TAKE A WALK ON THE WILD SIDE -- VISIT YOUR LOCAL ZOO.\* THEY'RE WORKING TO MAKE THE WORLD A SAFE AND HAPPY HOME FOR ANIMALS LIKE LEO THE LION!

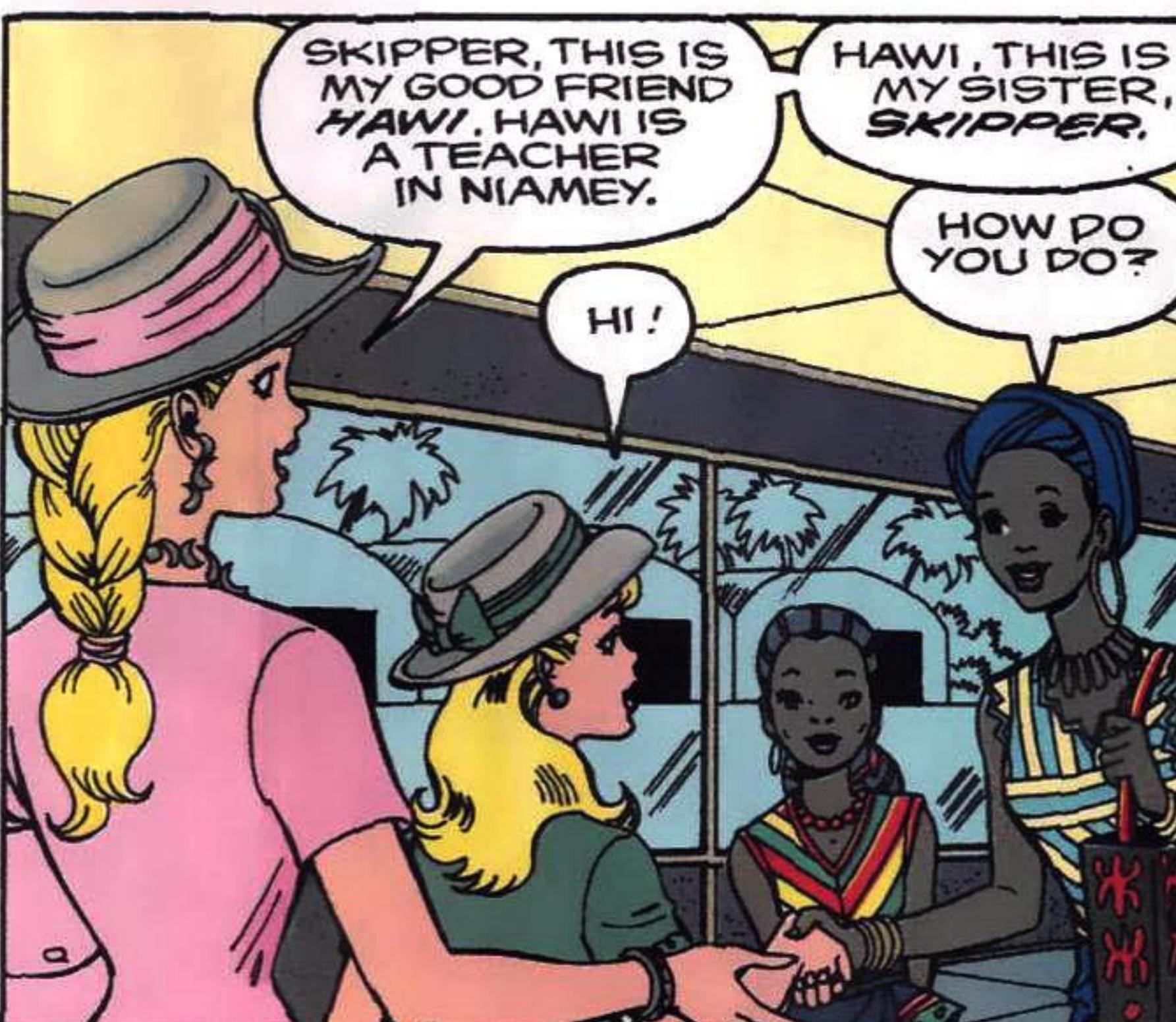
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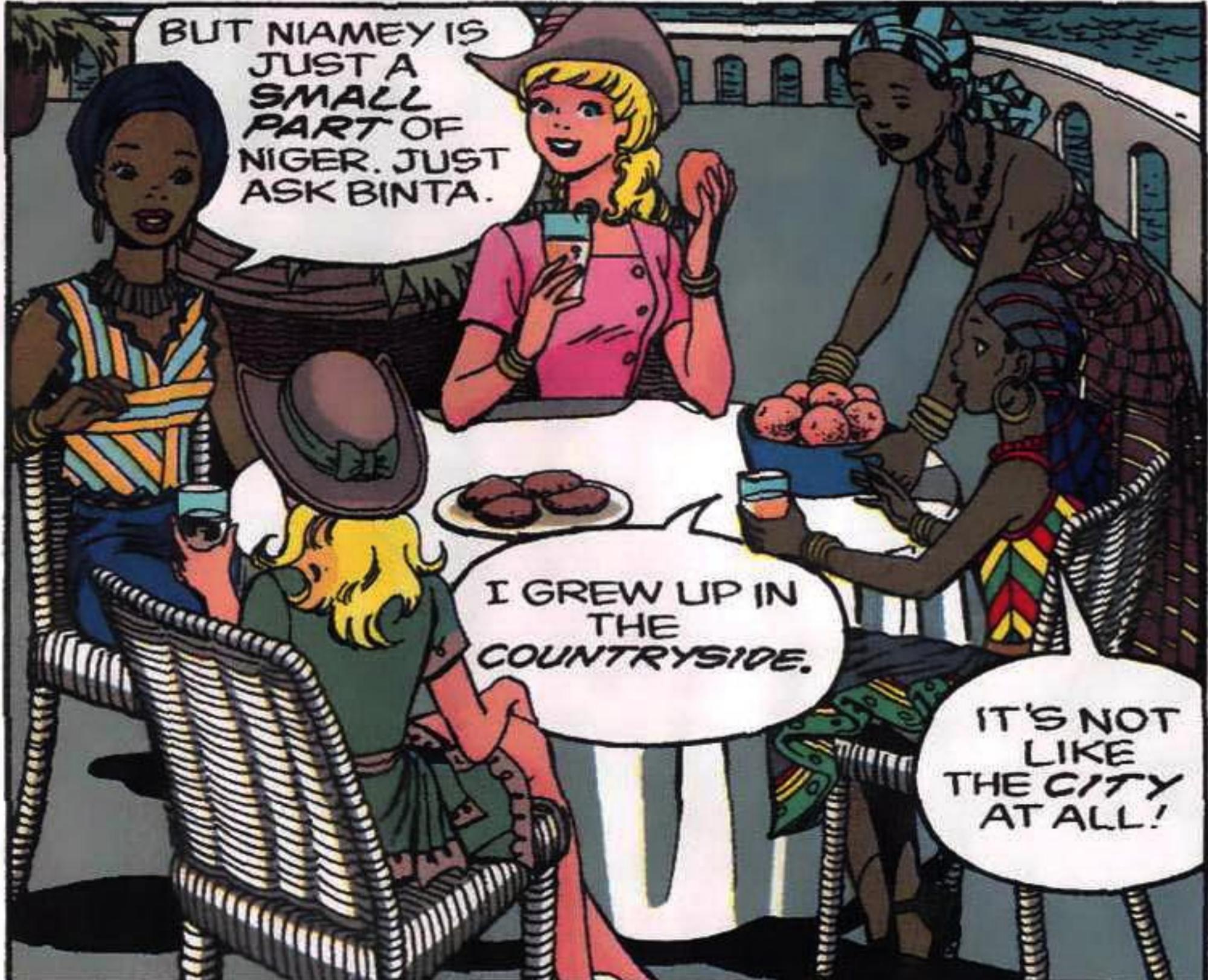
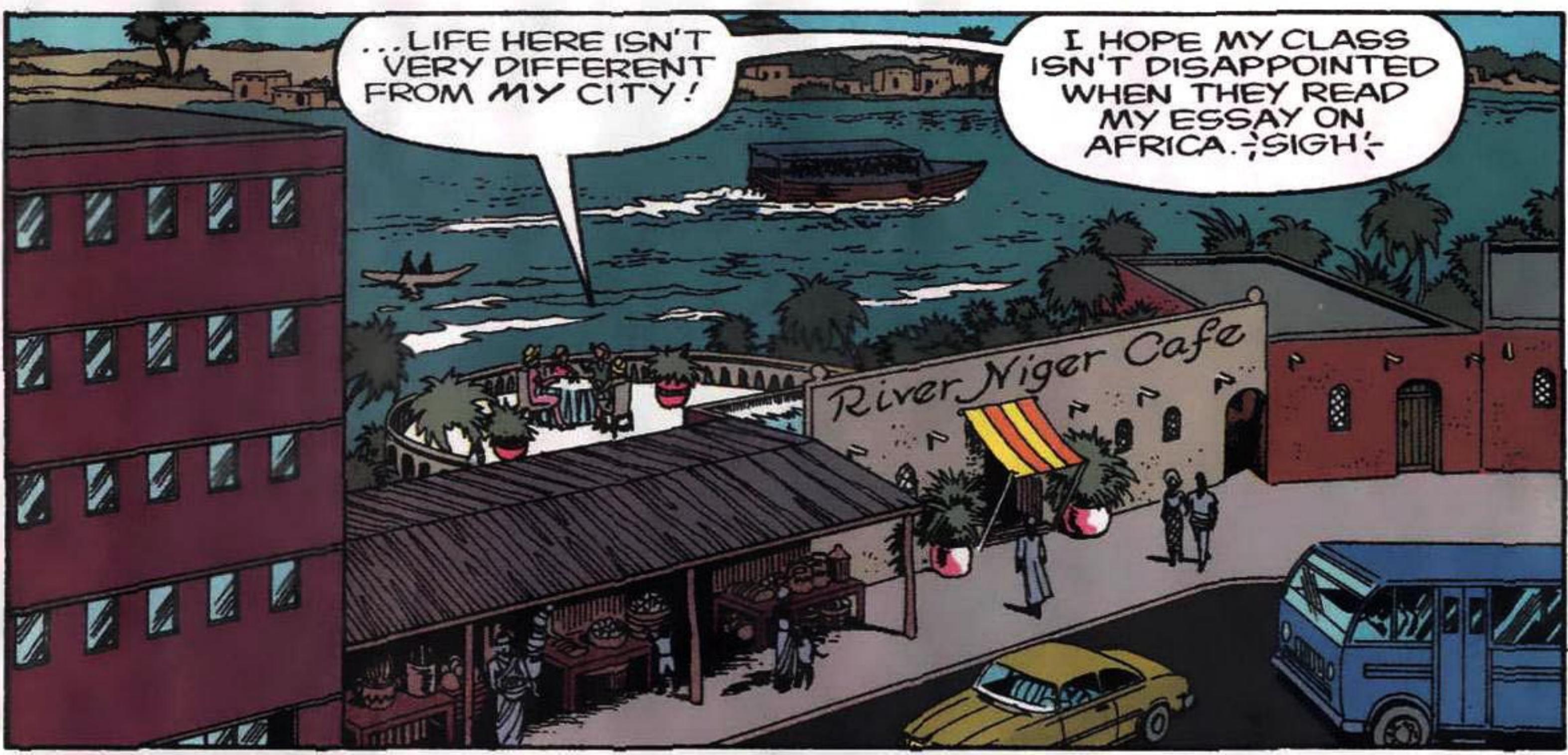
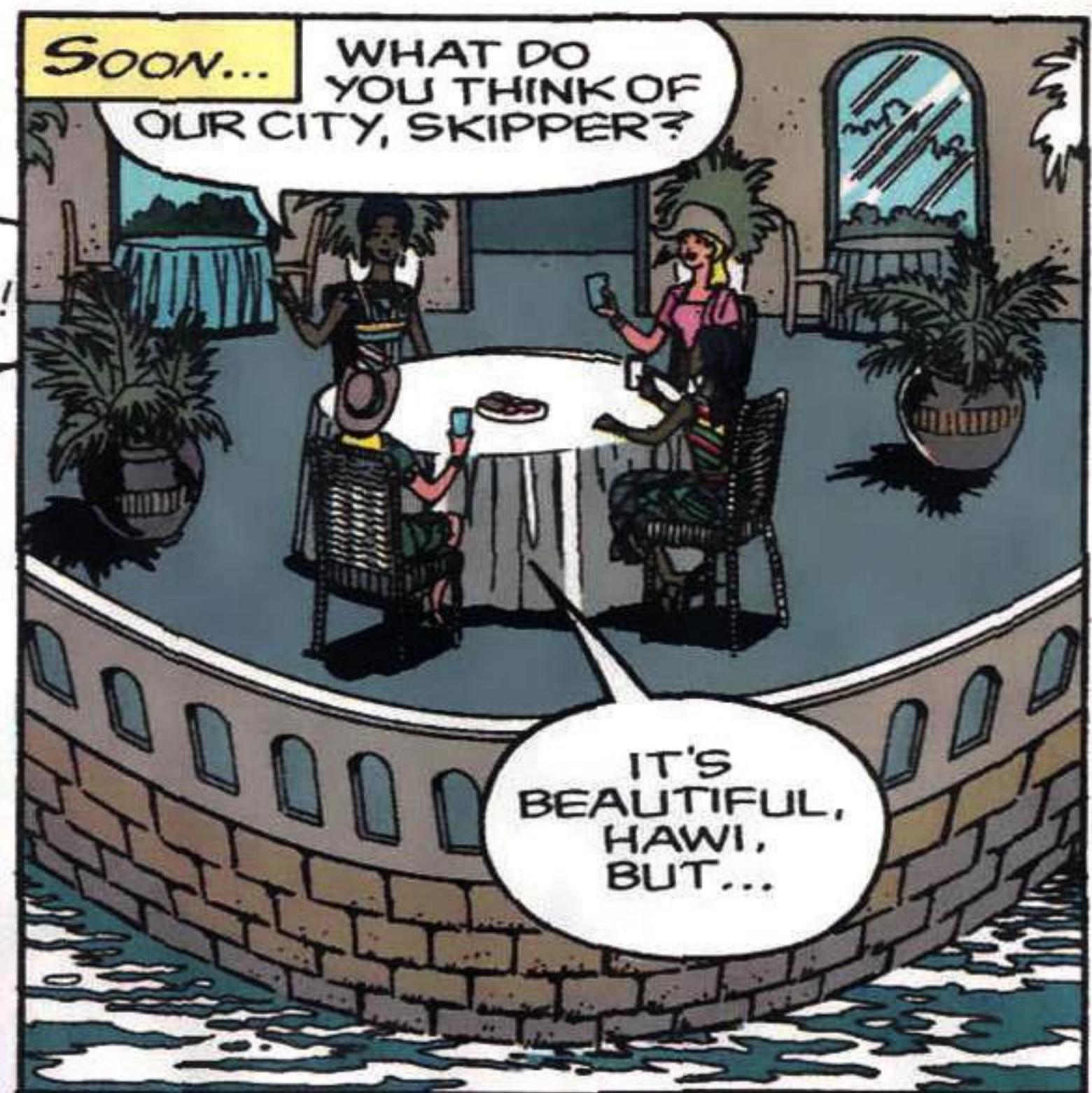
I WAS IN CHARGE OF SHOWING BARBIE AROUND DURING HER VISIT.

WHAT BRINGS BARBIE BACK TO NIAMEY?



\* SEE PAGE 29 TO LEARN MORE! -- Nieldy



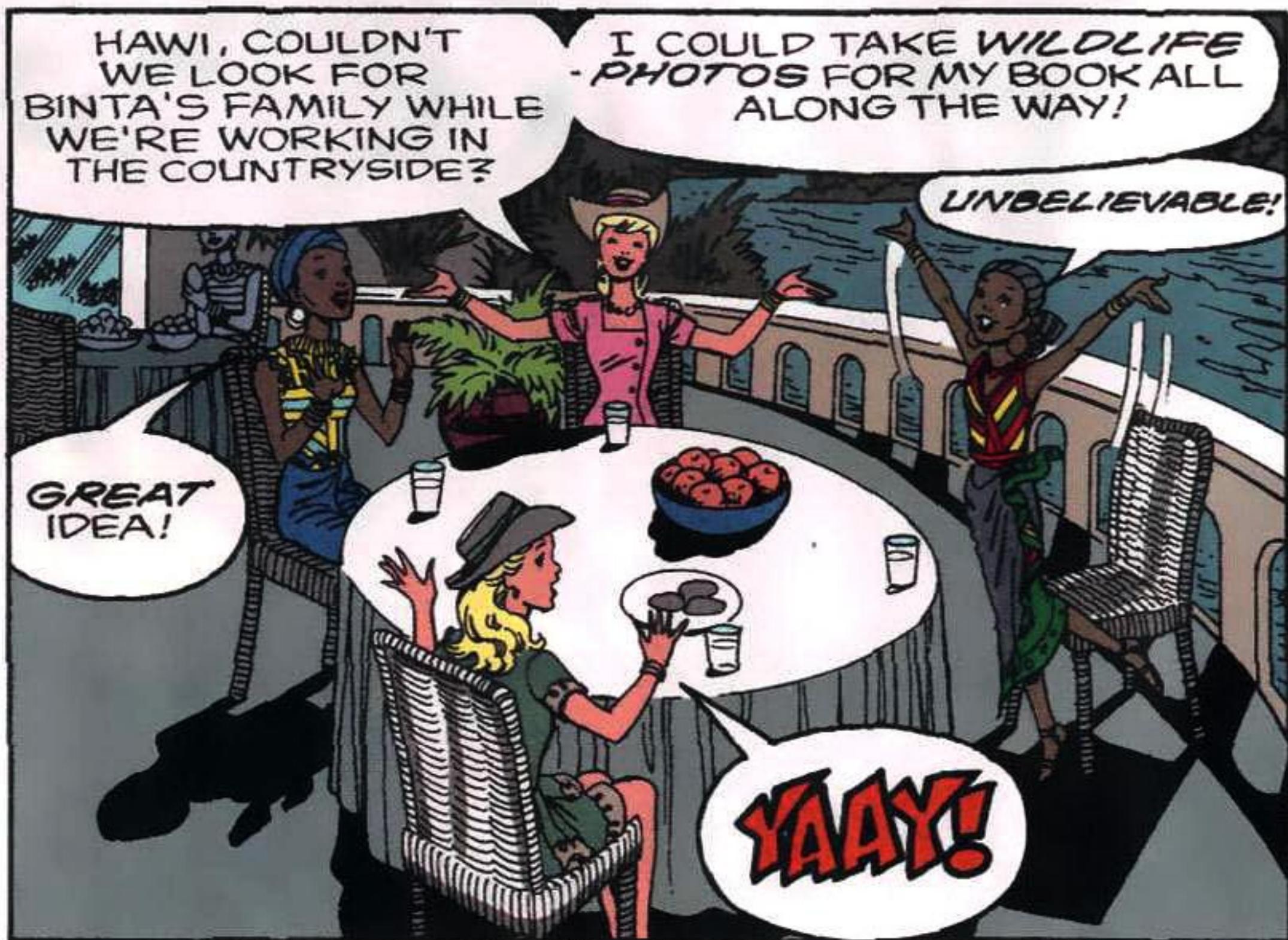
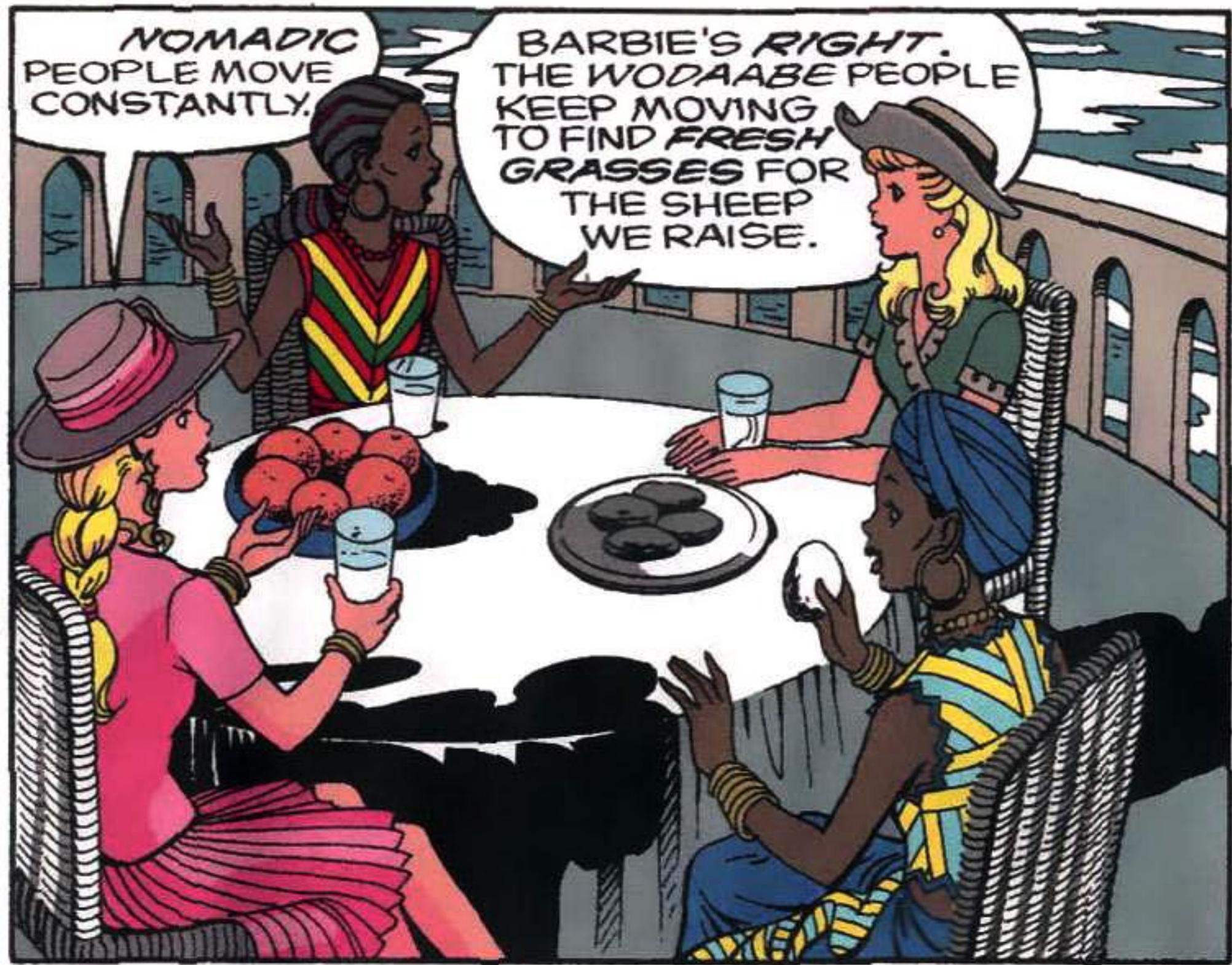


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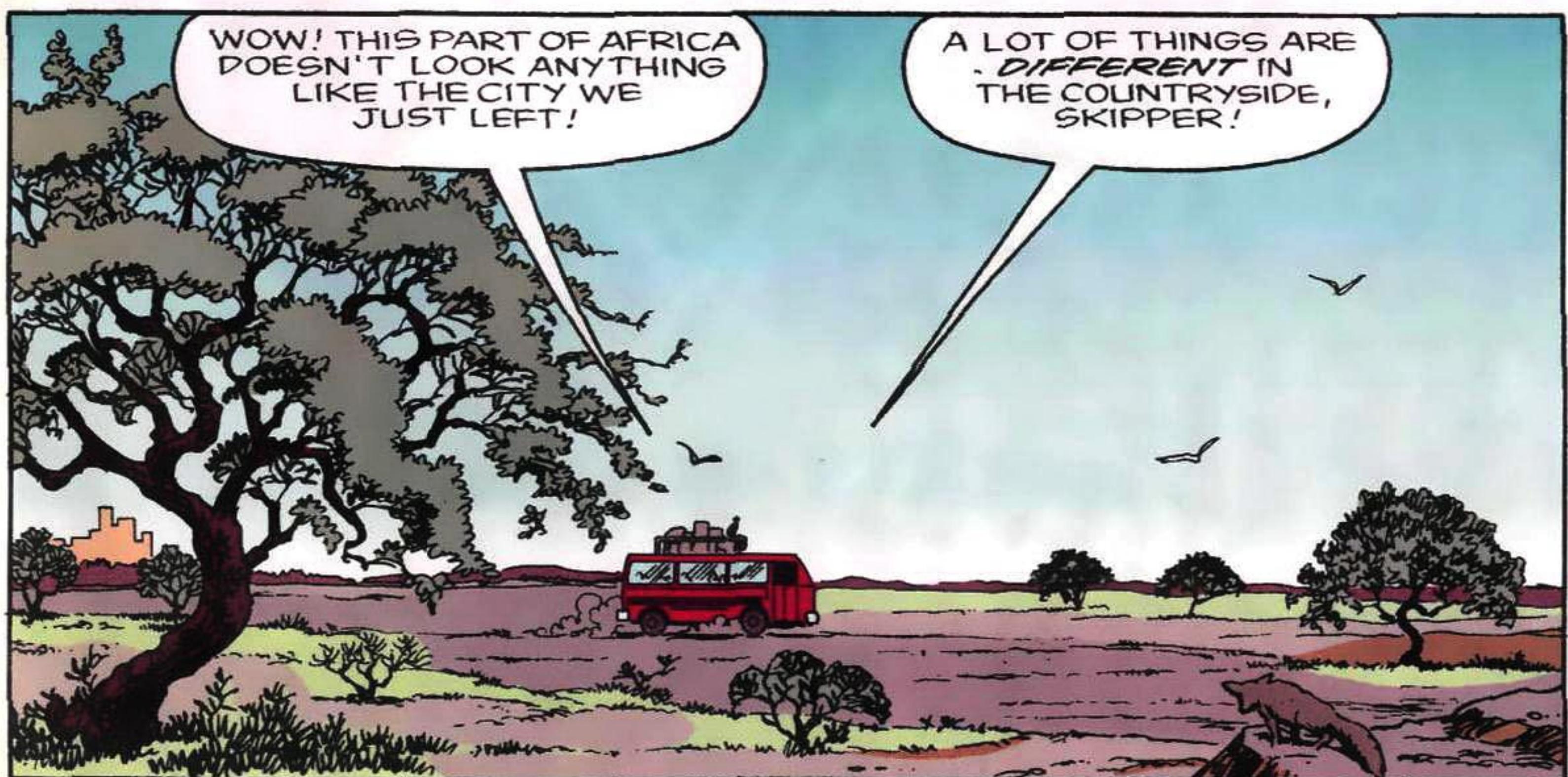
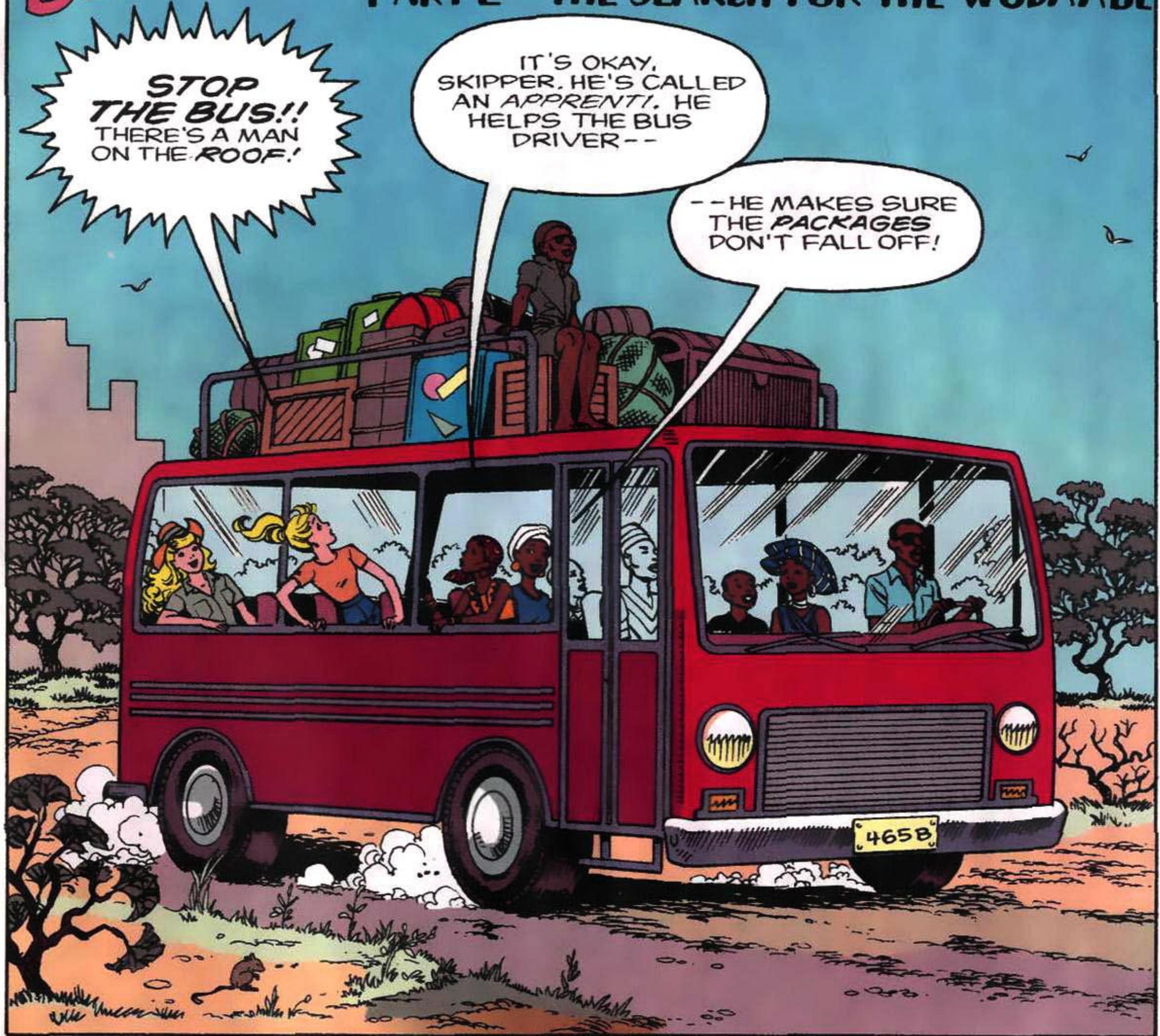
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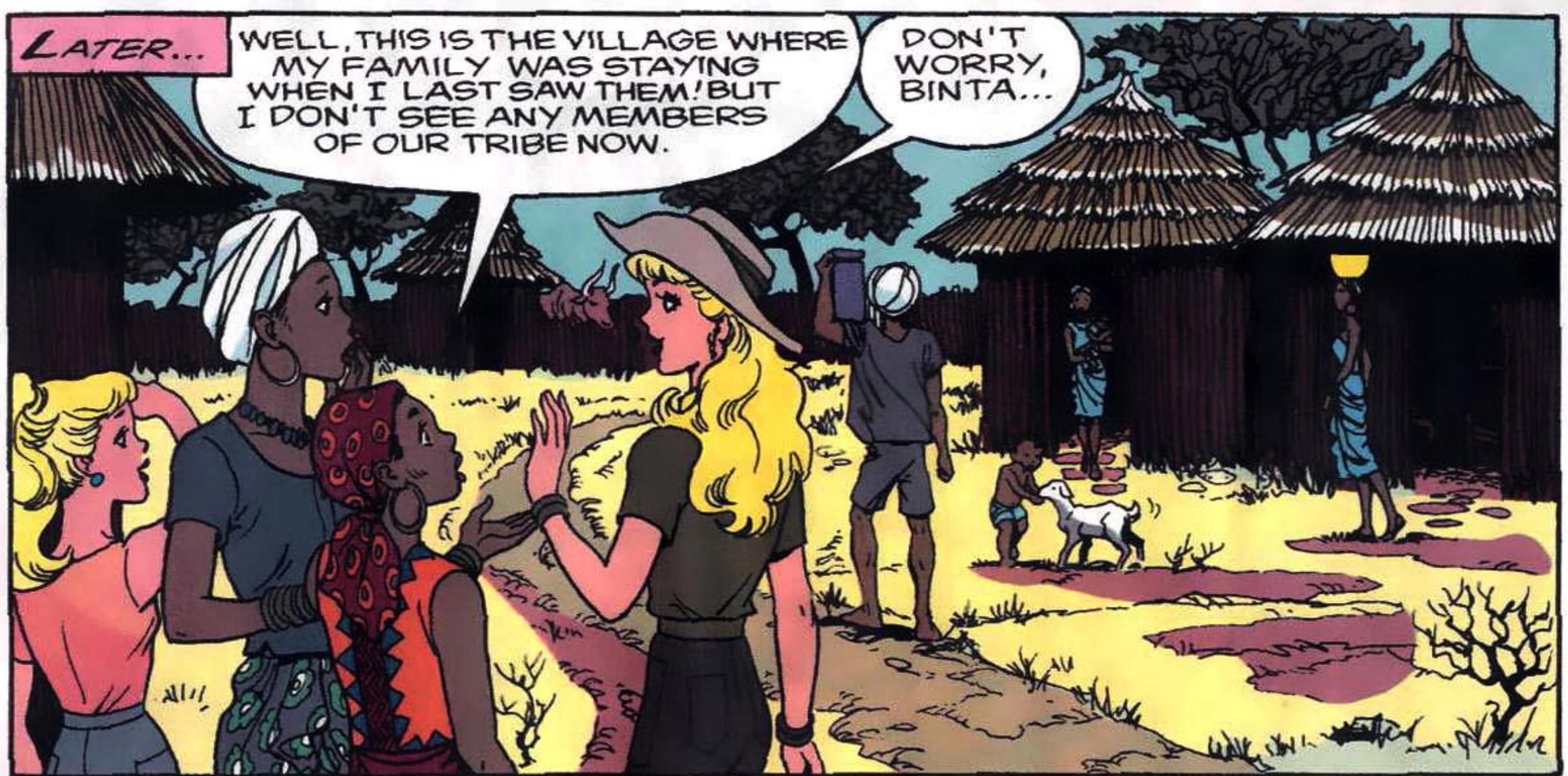
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LATER...

WELL, THIS IS THE VILLAGE WHERE  
MY FAMILY WAS STAYING  
WHEN I LAST SAW THEM! BUT  
I DON'T SEE ANY MEMBERS  
OF OUR TRIBE NOW.

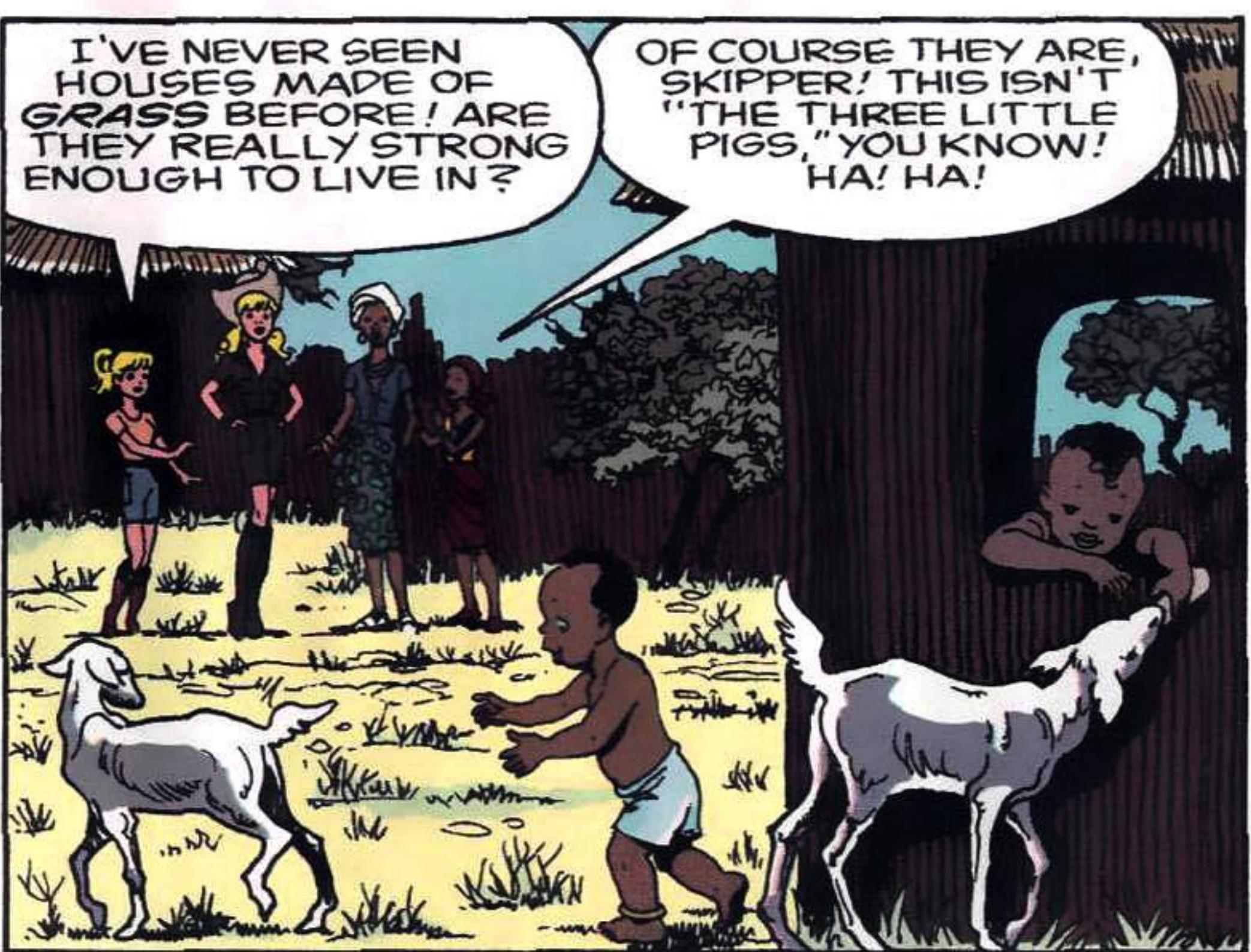
DON'T  
WORRY,  
BINTA...



... I'M SURE SOMEONE  
HERE WILL KNOW WHICH  
DIRECTION THEY  
HEADED. WE'LL GO THAT  
WAY AFTER WE  
REST.

I'VE NEVER SEEN  
HOUSES MADE OF  
GRASS BEFORE! ARE  
THEY REALLY STRONG  
ENOUGH TO LIVE IN?

OF COURSE THEY ARE,  
SKIPPER! THIS ISN'T  
"THE THREE LITTLE  
PIGS," YOU KNOW!  
HA! HA!



WOULD YOU  
LIKE ME TO  
SHOW YOU  
AROUND,  
SKIPPER?

YES! AND  
I'D REALLY  
LIKE A  
DRINK OF  
WATER,  
BINTA!

IF YOU WANT  
WATER, JUST  
FOLLOW ME!

BUT THE VILLAGE IS  
THIS WAY, BINTA!



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YOU'RE GONNA FIND IN A BOX  
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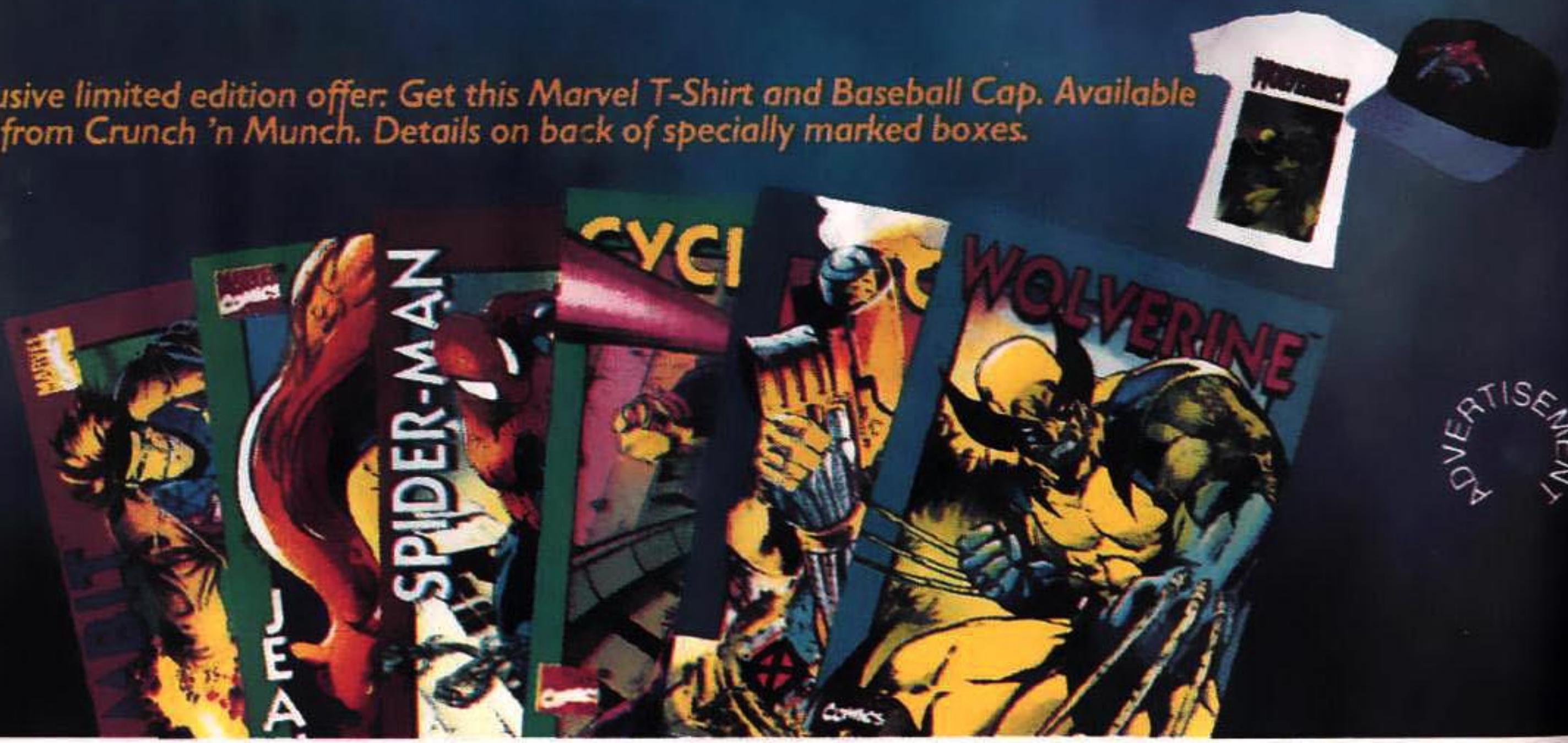


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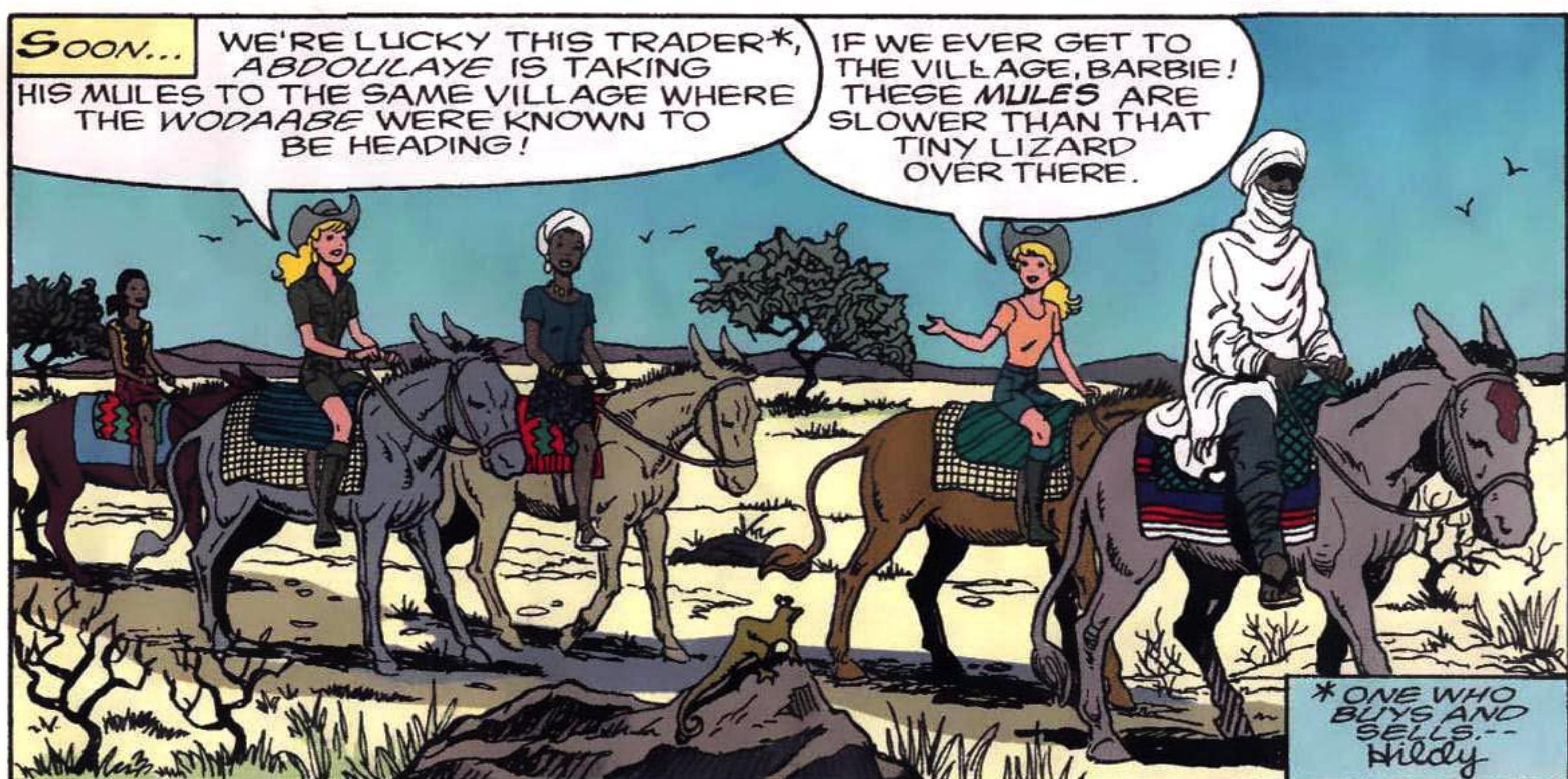
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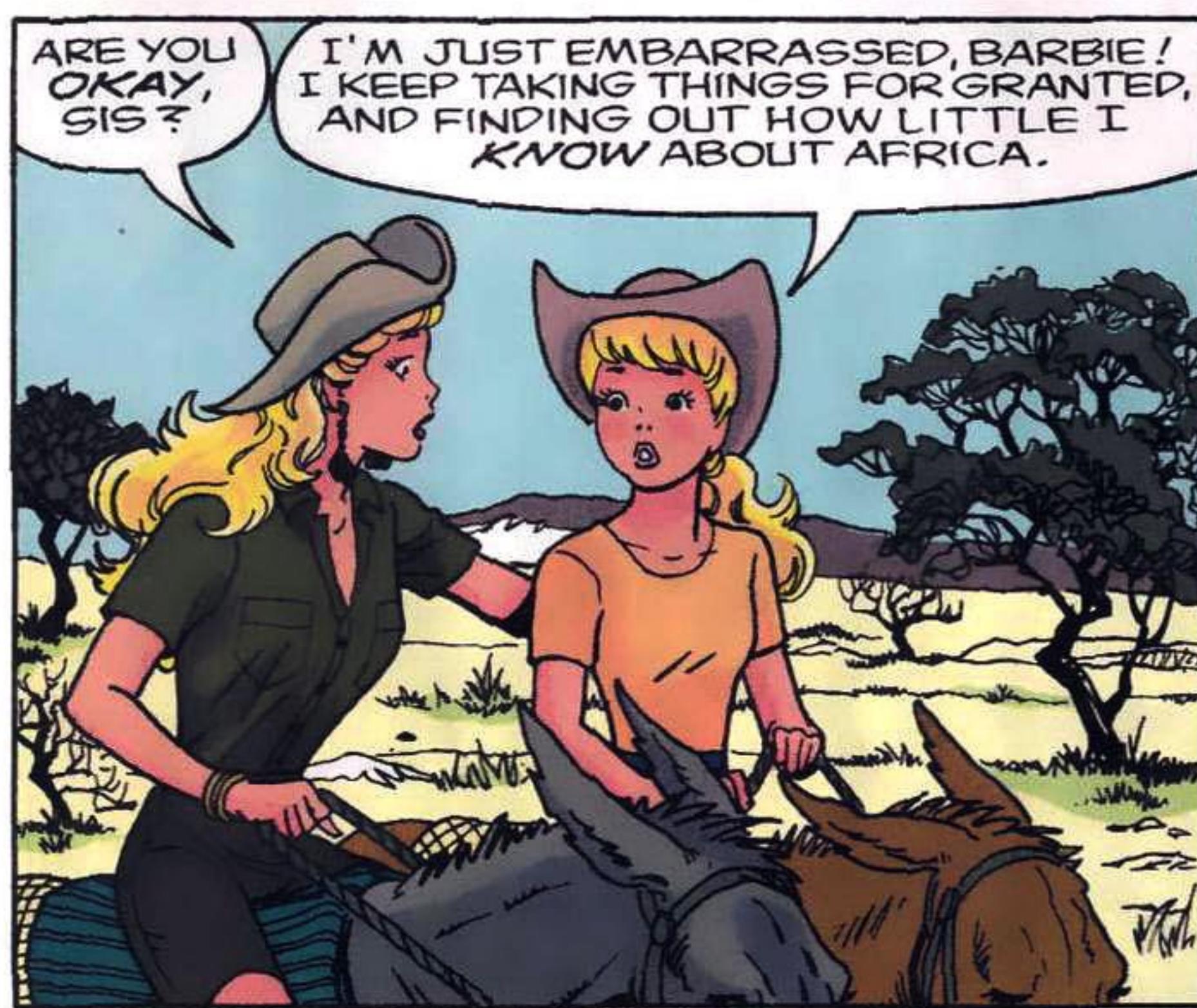
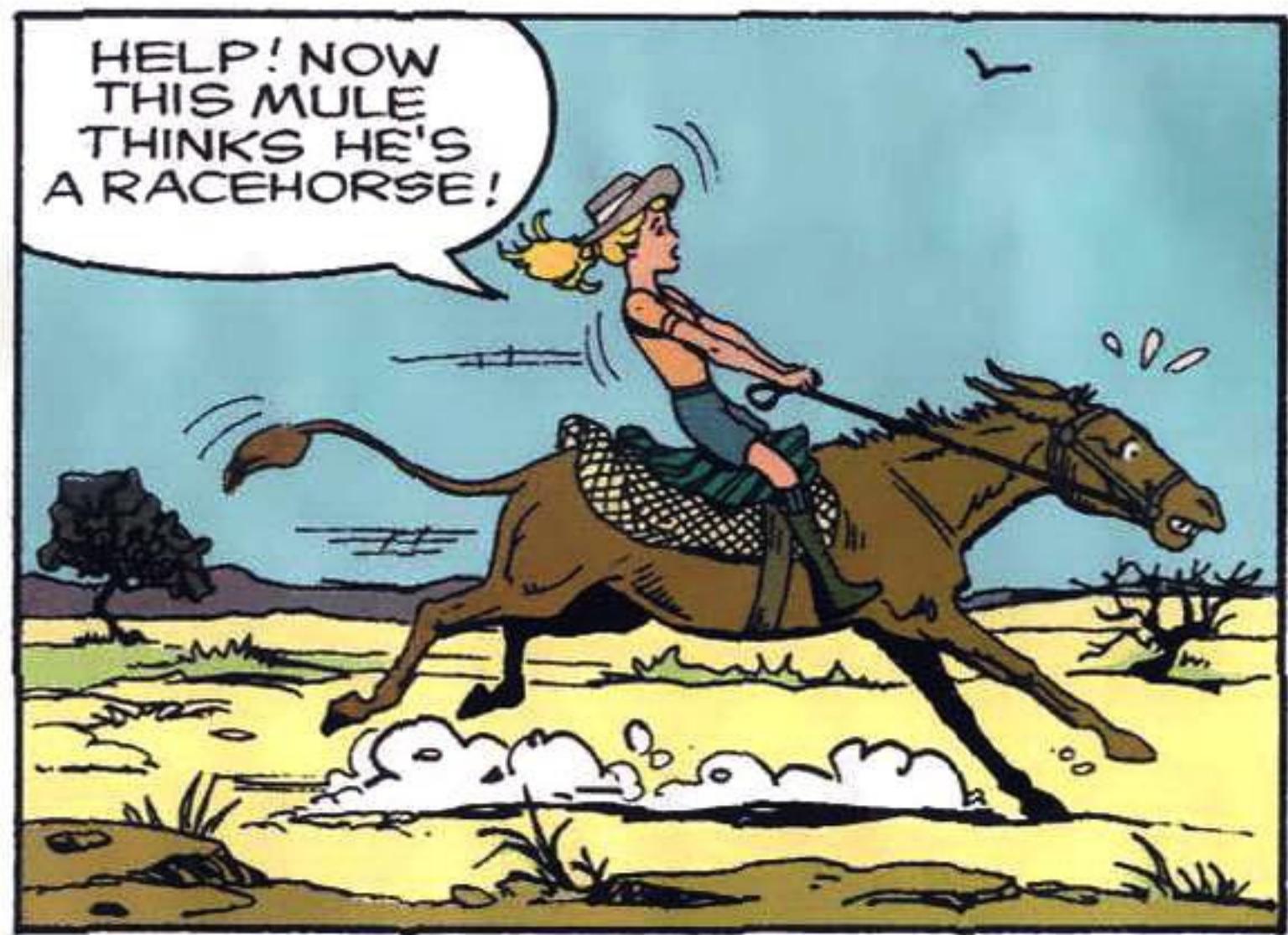
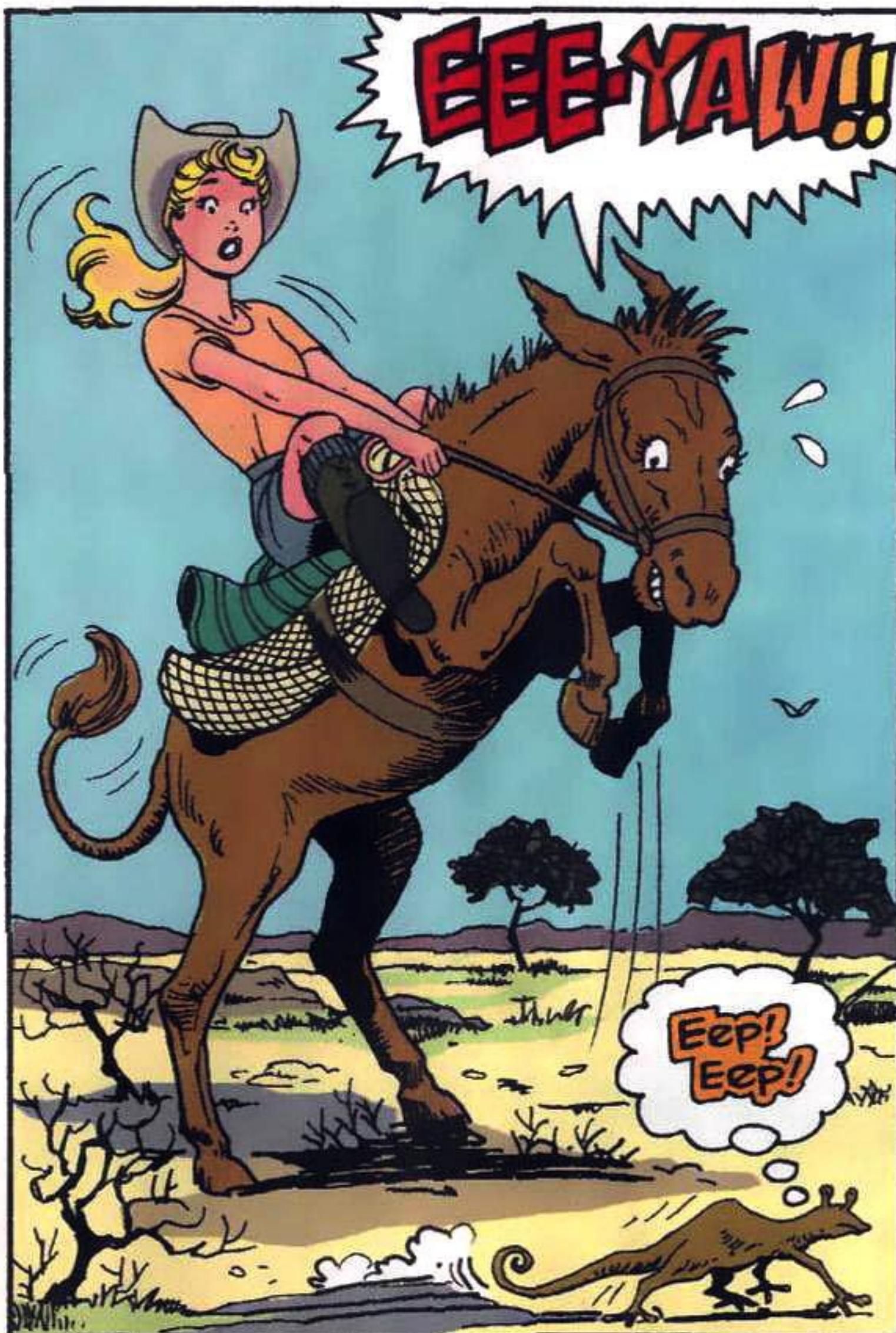


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THE VILLAGERS GET THEIR WATER FROM A WELL OUTSIDE THE VILLAGE, SKIPPER.

WATER IS SCARCE AND HAS TO BE USED MOSTLY FOR CROPS AND ANIMALS!





THE ANIMAL THAT FRIGHTENED SKIPPER'S MULE IS A RARE SPECIES OF CHAMELEON!

HE'D BE GREAT FOR YOUR PHOTO BOOK!

I DON'T WANT TO FRIGHTEN THE LITTLE GUY, HAWI! I'LL STAND BEHIND YOU WHILE I SNAP THE PICTURE!

GOT HIM!

CLICK!



THAT EVENING...

IT WAS REALLY NICE OF THESE VILLAGERS TO LET US SPEND THE NIGHT!

I'M JUST SORRY WE DIDN'T FIND YOUR FAMILY HERE, BINTA!

MAYBE WE SHOULD GIVE UP, BARBIE!



AFTER ALL... WE CAN'T TRAVEL TOO FAR EAST. YOU HAVE A BOOK TO WORK ON.

BUT YOU'RE HELPING ME WITH MY BOOK!

DON'T GIVE UP, BINTA. WE MAY FIND YOUR FAMILY TOMORROW!



THE FOLLOWING DAY...

THE WOMAN IS POUNDING MILLET\*, SKIPPER! IN MOST FARMING VILLAGES, MILLET IS THE MOST IMPORTANT FOOD PRODUCT.

WHEW! MAKING BUTTER IS HARD WORK! HOW LONG DO I HAVE TO SHAKE THIS GOURD?

KEEP GOING, SKIPPER! THE NEAREST SUPER-MARKET IS HUNDREDS OF MILES AWAY!

WHY DO MOTHERS CARRY THEIR BABIES AROUND IN A PAGNE, BINTA?

SO THEIR HANDS ARE FREE TO DO ALL THEIR OTHER WORK, SKIPPER!

\*GRAIN USED TO MAKE BREAD AND CEREAL--Hilda

BINTA! SKIPPER!

WE HAVE GOOD NEWS AND BAD NEWS.

THE GOOD NEWS IS THAT WE THINK THE WODAABE ARE IN THE NEXT VILLAGE AND WE FOUND SOMEONE TO TAKE US THERE!

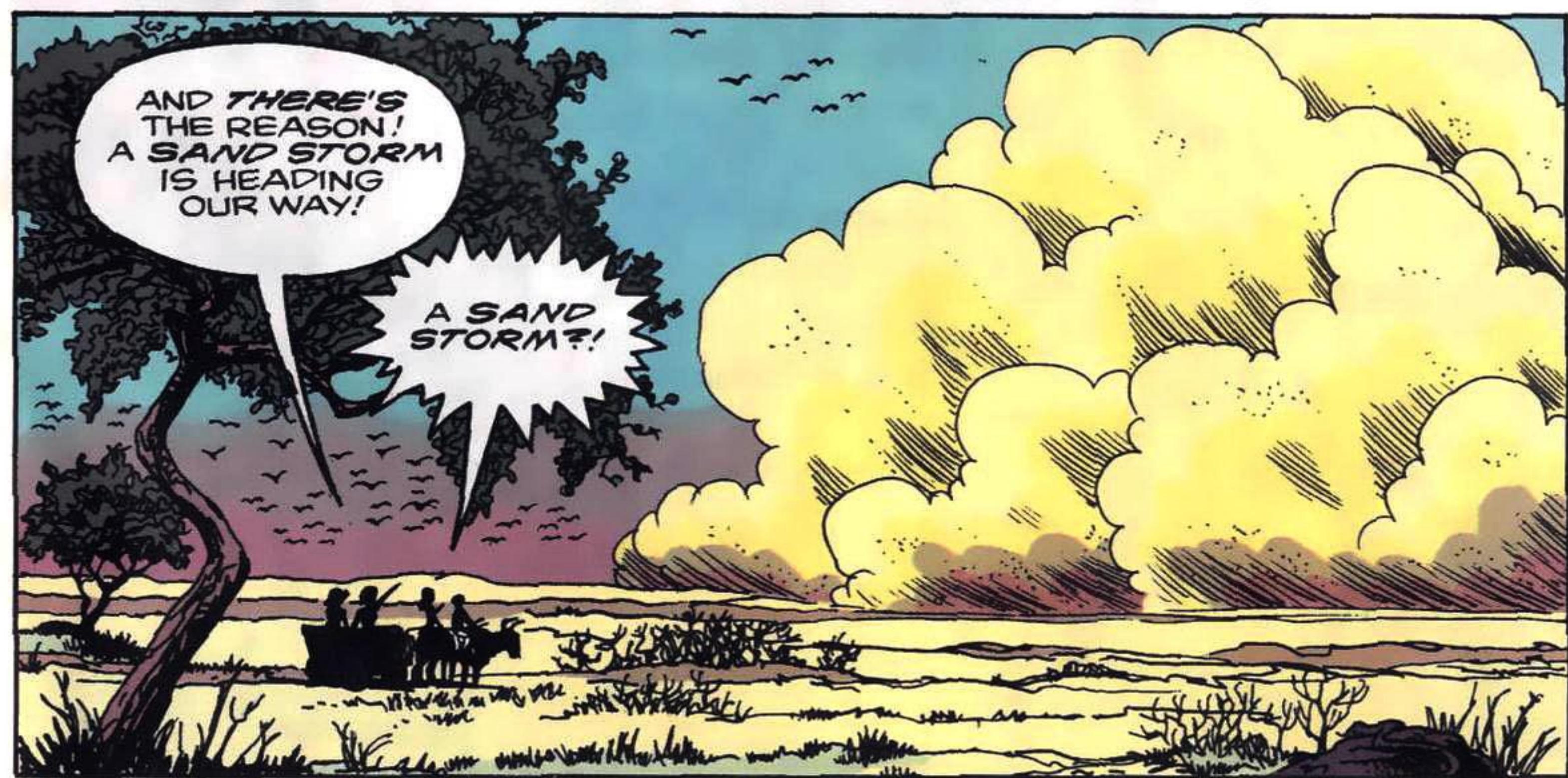
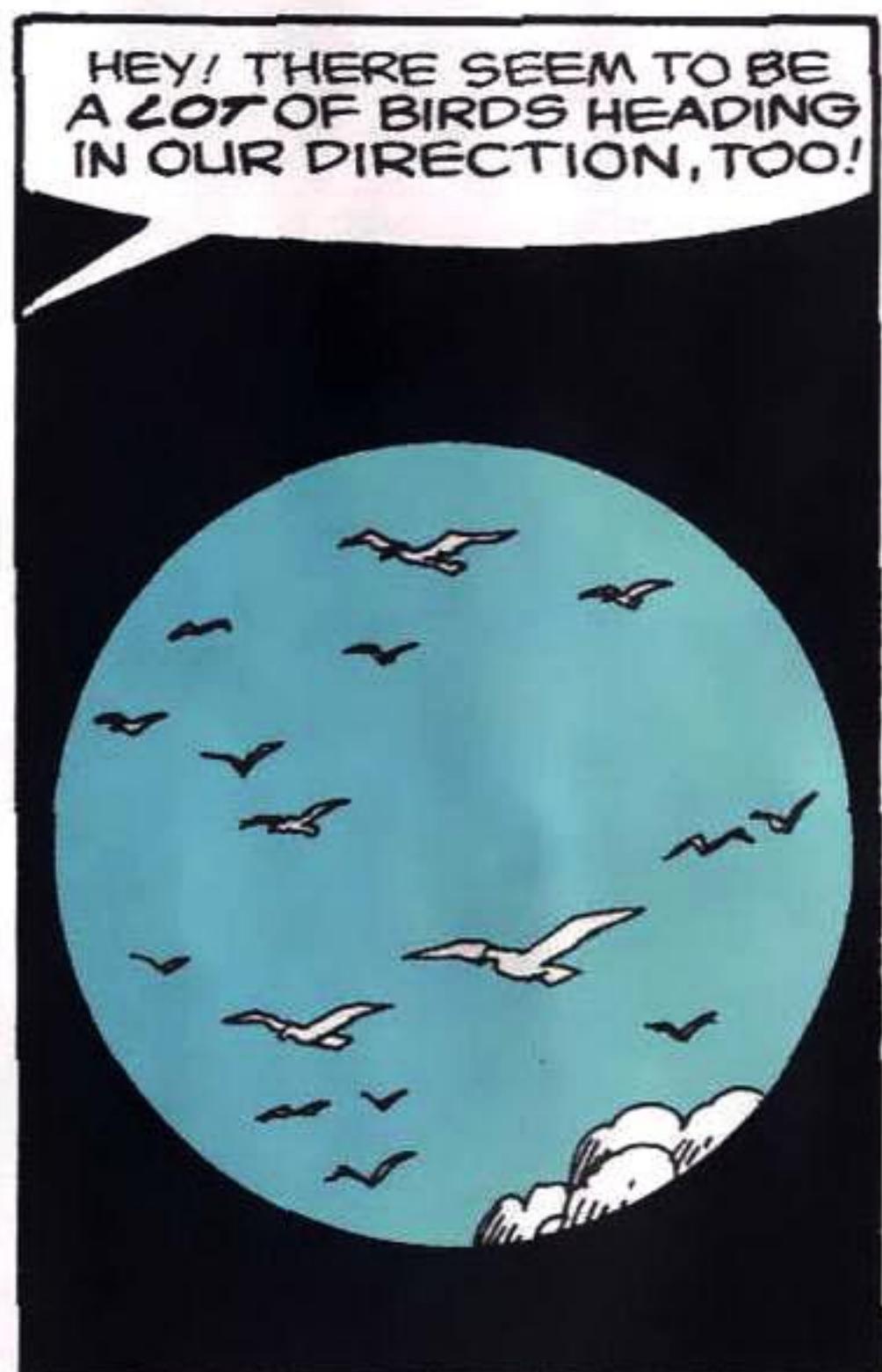
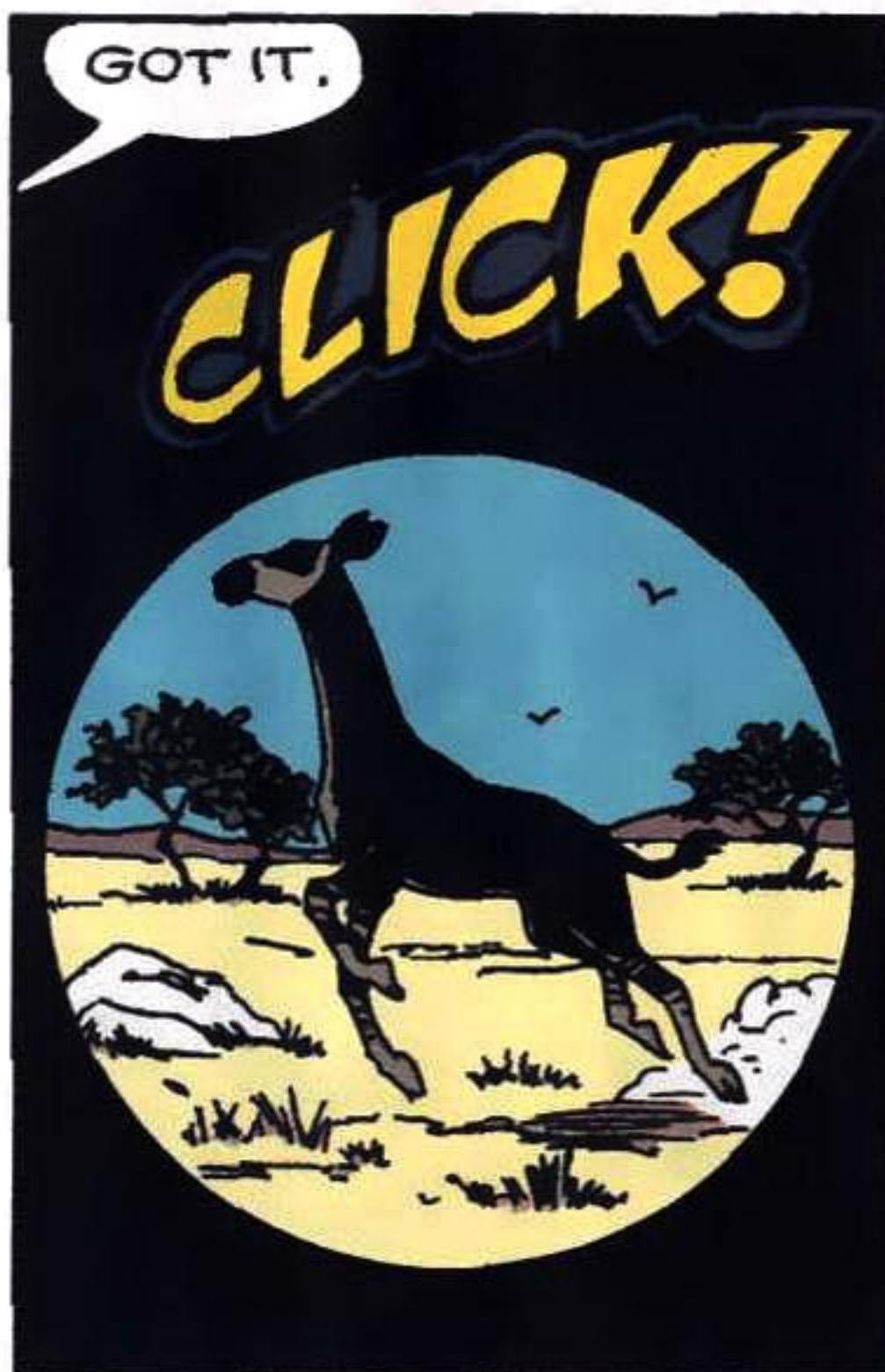
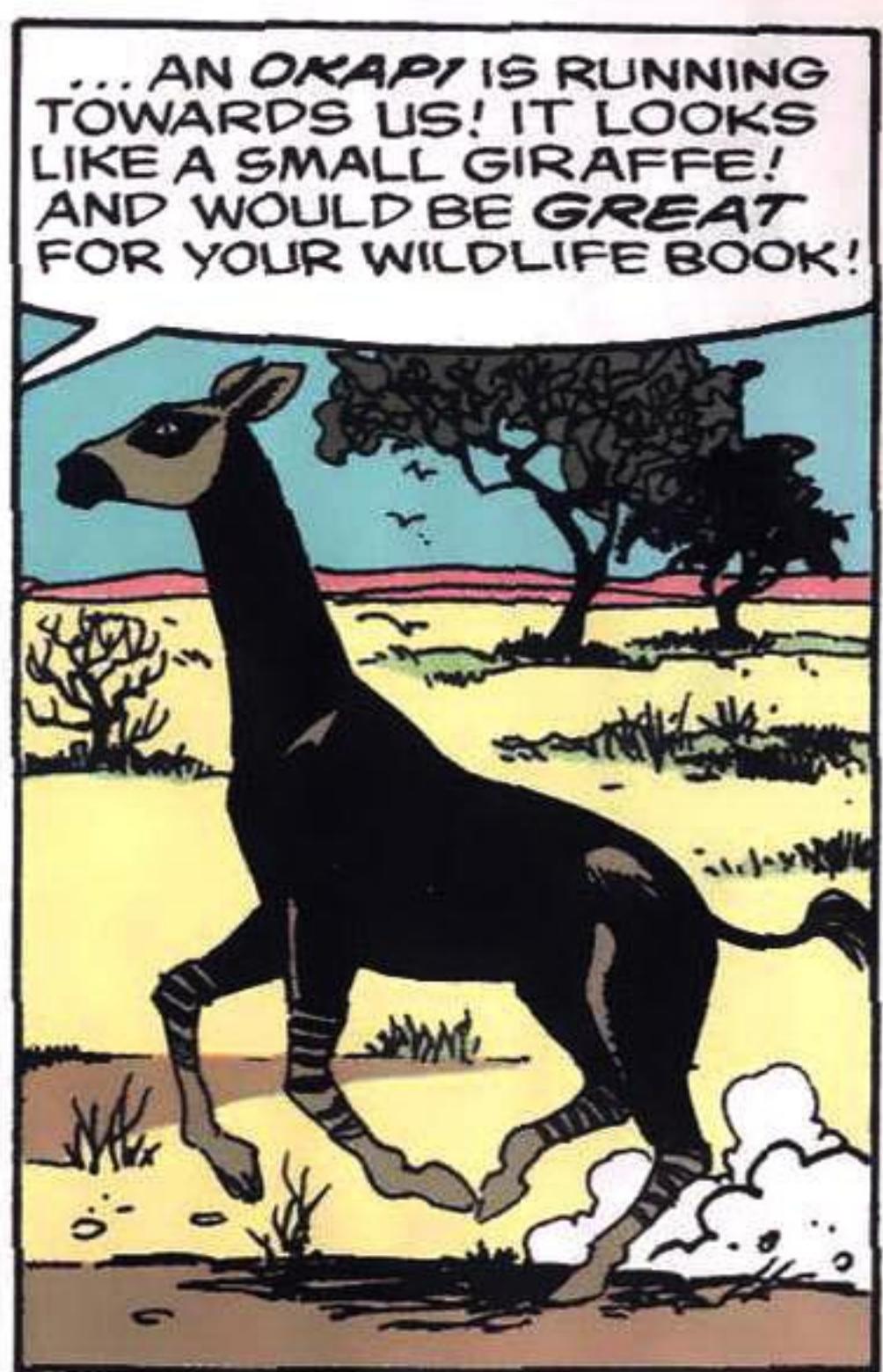
THAT'S GREAT, BARBIE!

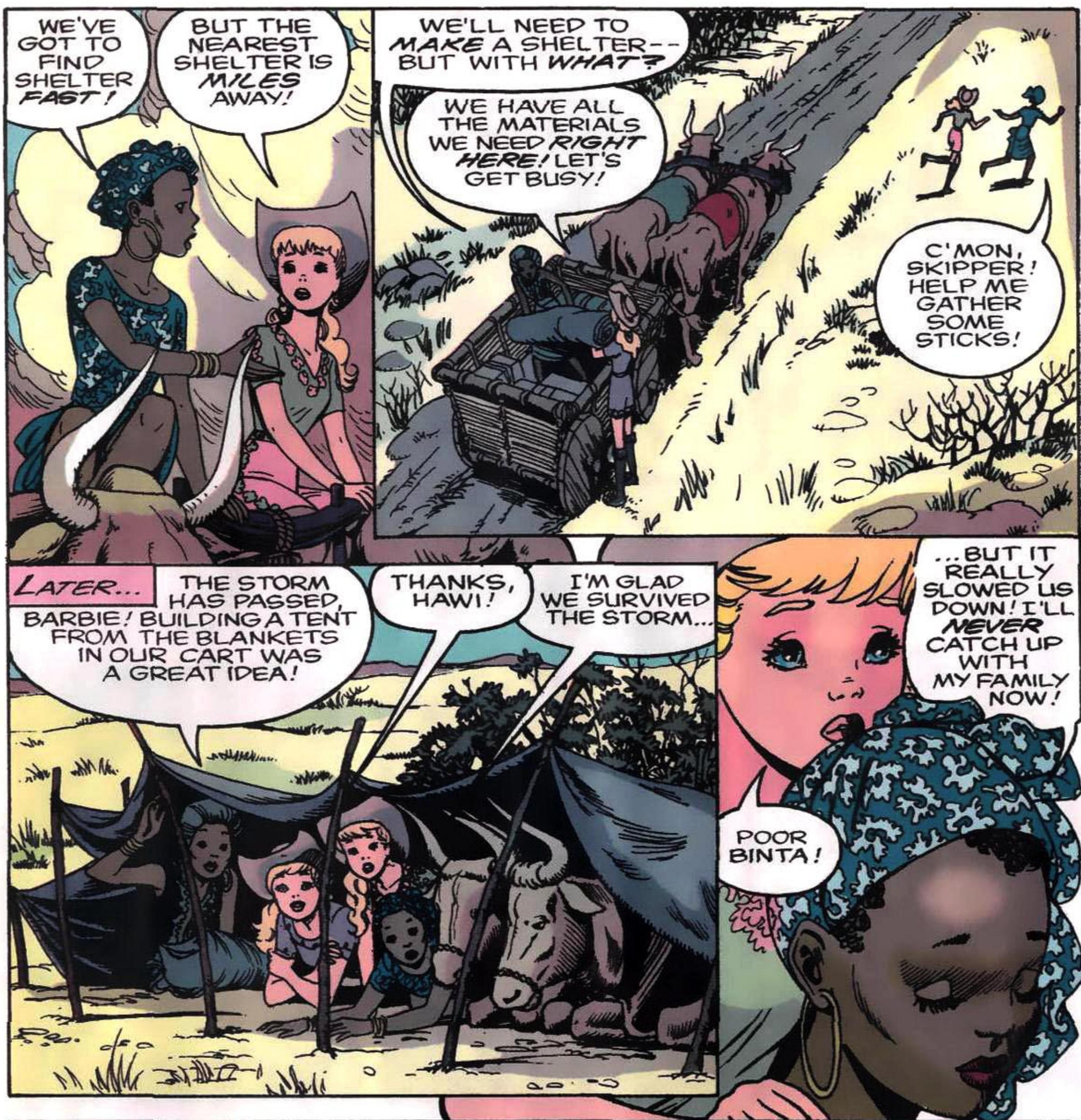
WHAT'S THE BAD NEWS?

SOON...

I THOUGHT RIDING A MULE WAS ROUGH! COMPARED TO THIS OX, THE MULE WAS A MAGIC CARPET!

IT COULD BE WORSE, SKIPPER...





HOURS  
LATER...

BYE! THANKS  
AGAIN FOR  
THE RIDE!

WE MADE  
IT, BINTA.  
BUT WHY DO  
YOU LOOK  
SO SAD?

IT'S NO USE, HAWI! WE'VE  
COME SO FAR AND THERE'S  
NO SIGN OF MY PEOPLE!  
WE MAY AS WELL GO  
BACK TO NIAMEY!

BINTA!  
LOOK OVER  
HERE!

DIDN'T YOU SAY THE WODAABE  
HAD A LARGE NUMBER OF GOATS?  
WELL, CHECK OUT ALL THESE  
TRACKS IN THE MUD!

THOSE ARE  
GOAT TRACKS,  
SKIPPER!

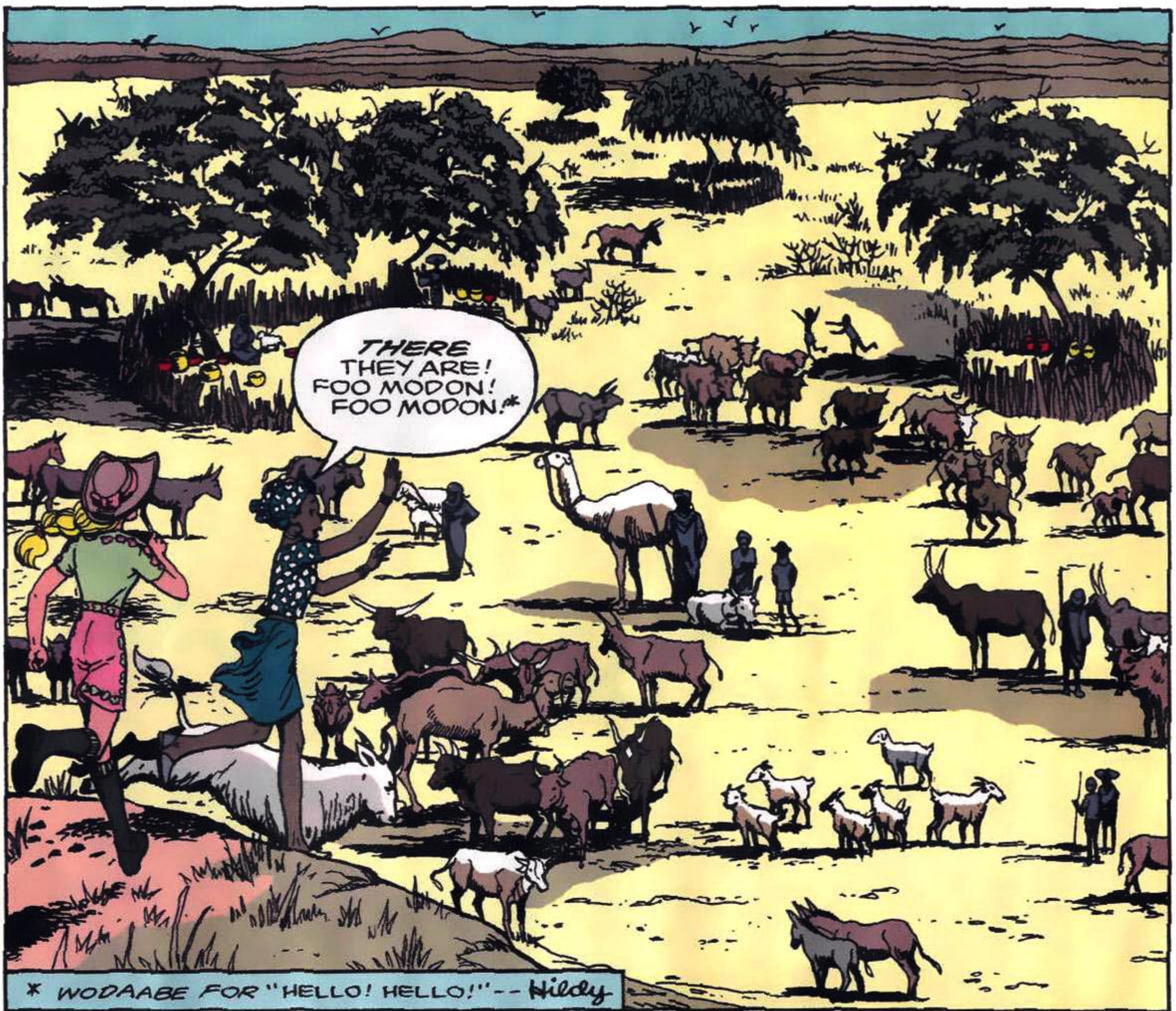
AND THEY LEAD  
UP THIS HILL!  
C'MON, BINTA!

**MOWA!**

SKIPPER, THIS IS THE YOUNG  
AOUDAD\* MY PARENTS GAVE  
ME AS A PET!

IF MOWA IS HERE, MY FAMILY  
CAN'T BE FAR AWAY!  
WE DID IT, SKIPPER!

\*OO-DAD - AFRICAN WILD SHEEP. -- Hildy

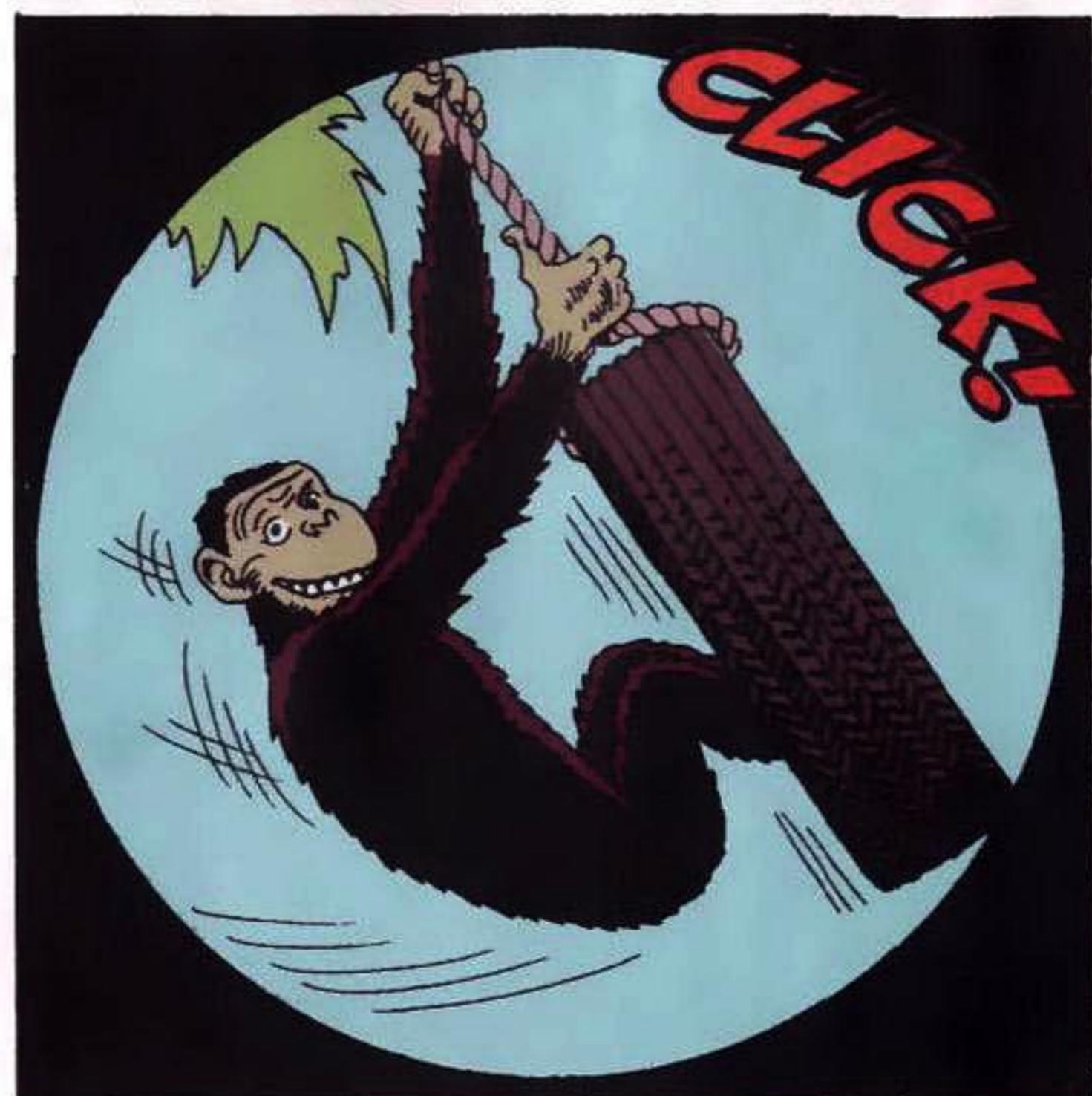


JUST CAN'T GET THAT  
**CRUNCH**  
OUTTA YOUR HEAD!



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## PART 3: MONKEY SEE, MONKEY DO!



LUNCH! BUT FIRST I'LL LOAD  
MY CAMERA EQUIPMENT INTO  
THE JEEP!

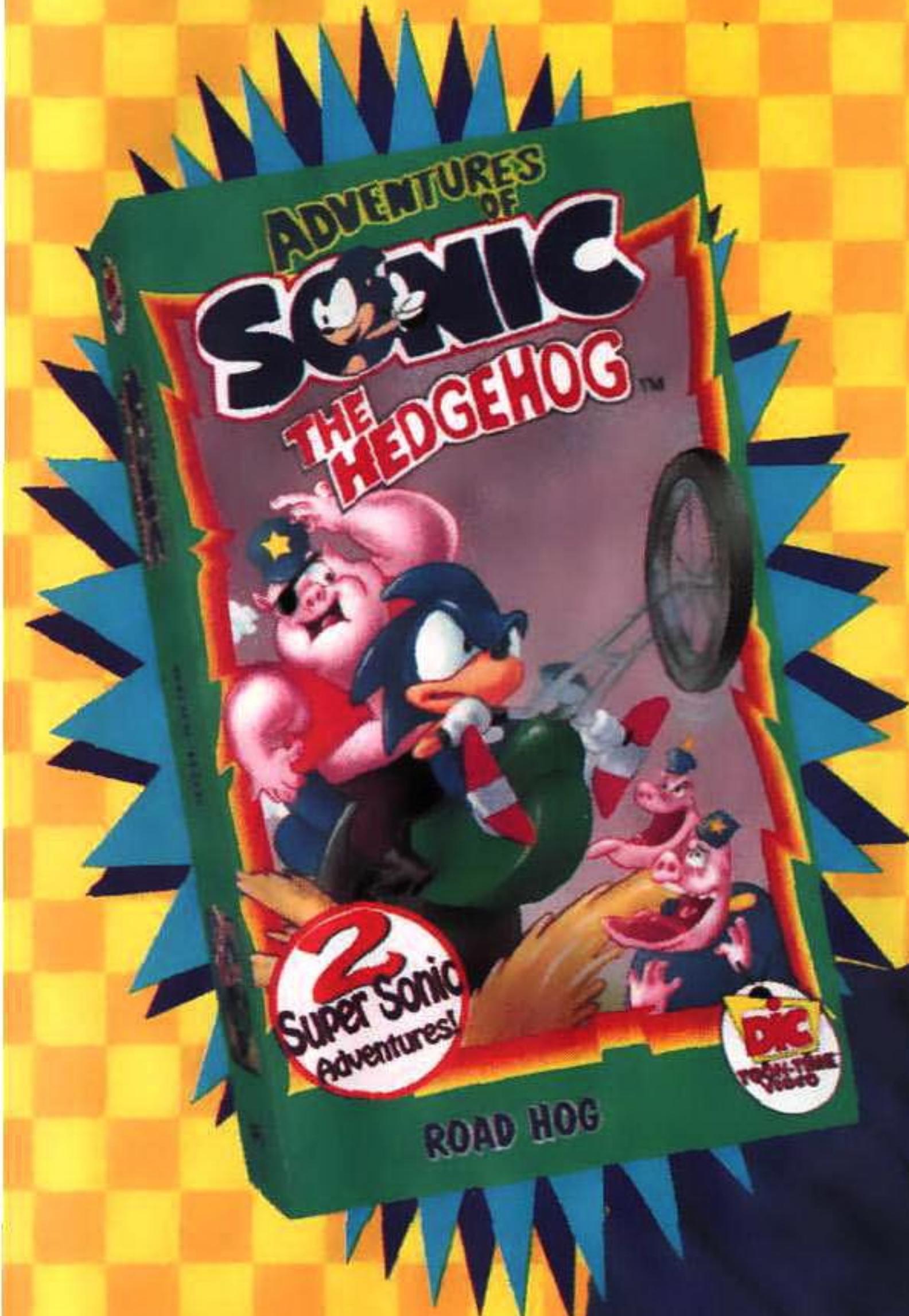


IF ANIMALS COULD TALK, I WONDER WHAT THEY'D SAY...?



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THE FILM HAS  
ALL BEEN  
EXPOSED...

...BUT NOTHING  
SEEMS TO BE  
BROKEN!

WHEW!

SOON...

GOODBYE, ALI!  
THANKS FOR  
BEING A  
GREAT GUIDE!

YOU'RE WELCOME.  
VISIT US AGAIN!

KINSHASA  
20 KM

PARK  
EXIT

EEE!

I WISH  
I COULD  
SEE YOUR  
PHOTOGRAPHS,  
BARBIE.

YOU  
CAN,  
HAWI.

I BROUGHT  
A PORTABLE  
DARKROOM!

...I'LL  
DEVELOP  
THE FILM IN  
OUR HOTEL  
ROOM.

THE NEXT DAY...

I CAN'T WAIT  
TO SEE  
YOUR PICTURES!

ME, EITHER!  
BARBIE'S  
BEEN ALL OVER  
THE WORLD  
TAKING  
WILDLIFE  
PHOTOS.

AND THEY'RE  
FINALLY  
DEVELOPED  
AND PRINTED!  
COME AND  
SEE!



EVERYONE HAS TO HELP  
MAKE THE WORLD  
A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE  
IN -- FOR  
ANIMALS  
AND  
PEOPLE!

YOU MEAN  
BY THINGS  
LIKE NOT  
LITTERING,  
AND BY  
RECYCLING?

SOME ZOOS AND  
AQUARIUMS ARE STUDYING  
ANIMALS TO TRY AND  
SAVE THEM.

THEN THOSE  
ARE THE ZOOS  
AND AQUARIUMS  
WE SHOULD  
VISIT!\*

\* LOOK FOR ONES ACCREDITED BY  
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PARKS AND AQUARIUMS (AAZPA). -- Nelly

UHHH...  
EXCUSE ME,  
BARBIE. BUT  
WHERE DID  
THESE  
PHOTOS COME  
FROM?

THE CHIMP WHO  
TOOK MY CAMERA  
MUST HAVE TAKEN  
THESE FUNNY  
PHOTOS.

I WISH I COULD  
PUT THEM IN  
MY BOOK -- BUT  
THERE'S NO  
ROOM!

BUT I THINK  
I KNOW HOW I  
CAN USE  
THEM...

I WONDER  
WHAT  
BARBIE'S  
PLANNING?

MONTHS LATER...

LOOK, HAWI,  
A LETTER  
FROM BARBIE AND  
SKIPPER! SKIPPER  
GOT AN A ON HER  
PROJECT AND BARBIE'S  
BOOK HAS BEEN  
PUBLISHED.

NIAMEY  
GIRLS'  
SCHOOL

GREAT!  
WHAT DID  
BARBIE DO  
WITH THOSE  
FUNNY  
PHOTOS?  
HA HA  
HA! :

SHE MADE  
A CALENDAR!

July

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HI, EVERYBODY.  
I HOPE YOU LIKE  
THIS FUNNY  
CALENDAR.

JUST  
TEAR OUT  
THE PAGE  
AND HANG  
IT UP.

THE END

THUGS

# LETTERS TO



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Dear BARBIE,

My name is Megan. I am 10 years old. Although I have outgrown Barbie dolls, I have a lot of Barbie dolls. My mom even made my dolls some clothes. I am never going to give away any of my Barbie dolls. I love them, and my mom says they will be valuable someday.

I love your comic book. I like reading about Barbie and Skipper.

Megan Smith, age 10  
Canehill, AR

We hear from many readers who are also Barbie collectors, Megan! Although people collect Barbie dolls for all kinds of reasons, including their often increasing value, we think you're collecting for the very best reason — you love Barbies!

Dear BARBIE,

I love your BARBIE and BARBIE FASHION comic books. I like everything about Barbie, because Barbie is the best! You have the best comic books and dolls I have ever seen. I think that I will buy some more of the comic books and dolls because they are so beautiful. My goal is to save up all of my money to buy more Barbie things.

Tammy Poulos  
Tracy, CA

Our writers and artists work hard every month to make sure our comics are beautiful, Tammy! We know they'll be glad to hear how much you enjoy them! Good luck with your goal!

Dear BARBIE,

Hi! My name is DeShae Jordan. I like BARBIE and BARBIE FASHION comics a lot. I love to lay in bed and read them. My brother Matt likes to look at the pictures. Me and Matt liked the story "Halloween Hooligan". It was very funny and it was a good mystery story.

DeShae Jordan, age 10  
Matt Jordan, age 7  
Fountain Run, KY

Nice to hear from you both, DeShae and Matt!

Dear BARBIE,

Hi! My name is Molly, and I am 8 years old. I live in Omaha, Nebraska, and I love Barbie a lot. Skipper is my other favorite doll.

I think BARBIE and BARBIE FASHION comics are great because they encourage young kids to really get into reading. I started reading when I was in kindergarten. I was so happy when I learned to read, and I could read BARBIE!

Keep up the good work!

Molly Wenberg, age 8  
Omaha, NE

We couldn't agree with you more, Molly! We're especially happy when we hear about older kids reading BARBIE and BARBIE FASHION to their younger brothers and sisters (like DeShae and Matt in the letter above). It's a great way for Barbie fans — and comics fans — to get into reading!

Dear BARBIE,

You are so pretty! I want to be just like you. And that dreamy boyfriend of yours, Ken. How is Skipper? Fine, I hope.

Oh, I forgot to introduce myself. My name is Ashley Wilhelm and I am 9 years old. Where do you get those fantastic, cool clothes? What store do you shop at?

I love to read about you and your adventures with your friends. That's all, Barbie! I hope you like my letter!

Ashley Wilhelm, age 9  
Goldboro, NC

We loved your letter, Ashley! Barbie shops for those fantastic fashions at the studios of our awesome artists each month! Our pencils take their inspiration from many places including current Barbie fashions, real life, and their own imaginations. They do a great job of dressing everyone's favorite doll!

Dear BARBIE,

Thank you very much for printing the issue "Holiday in Thailand". I do not collect the comics, but I read them after my next-door neighbor is done with them.

You wrote the words beautifully and the pictures were out of sight! I happen to be Thai, too. That is why I am showing my appreciation to you and the comic. You did a really awesome job of telling the story. You should write more BARBIE comics with Barbie on

exotic trips.

Here's a little tip about Thai dancers. They curl their fingers backward. Ouch!

It is also great to know that Barbie cares for others. The fashions for Barbie are also really cool and stylish. Good luck and success with your cool comics.

Tara Ouitaron, age 10  
Trabuco Canyon, CA

Thanks so much for writing to us, Tara! We're glad to hear we got many of the details about Thailand right, and thanks for letting us know about the dancers and their special finger trick!

We hope you enjoyed Barbie and Skipper's exotic trip to Africa in this issue! And don't miss BARBIE #45 this July when Skipper takes a trip to Ancient Rome (even though it's imaginary!) Keep reading because Barbie and her friends will be visiting many more exotic places in issues to come!



## BARBIE'S BIRTHDAY CORNER

It's time to wish a very happy birthday to our readers celebrating birthdays in June! There will also be a "Birthday Corner" in BARBIE FASHION this month, so be sure to check both for your special day!

On June 4th, best wishes go to Erin Brothers, of Williams, AZ, who will be 8 years old! Mary Ann Hyde, of San Marcos, CA, will be 11 years old on June 10th! And on June 12th, Roslind Stevenson, of Health Springs, SC, will celebrate her 9th birthday.

Angie Bagley will be the birthday girl on June 17th! On June 29th, two readers will celebrate their special days! Tracy Burns, of Burnaby, British Columbia, Canada, will be 11 years old, and Josie Peltot, of Apopka, FL, will be 10! Also celebrating a birthday this month is Erika Connelly, who will be 8 years old.

Happy birthday to these and all the BARBIE and BARBIE FASHION readers celebrating this month! If you'd like your birthday to appear here, send your name, full address, age and birthday to the address above! Be sure to send it in six months ahead of time!

Special thanks to Dr. Donna Tesi!



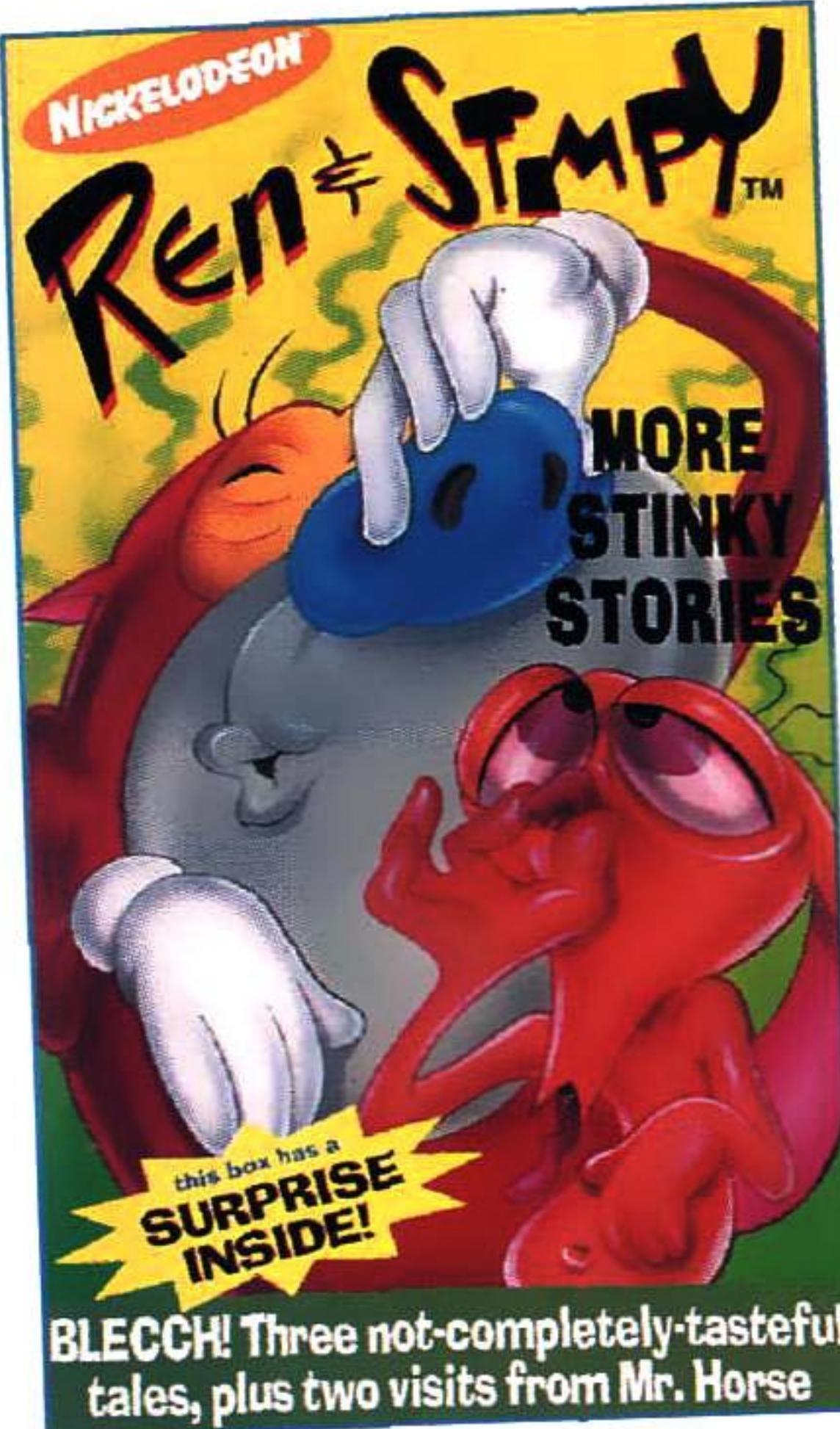
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